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Dear Jt Oakley,

I refer to your request where you asked:

“Please could you provide all communications from the cabinet office to the PHSO and vice versa on Qualified Persons (designation with regard to the FoIA), post 1997.

This would include the names of Qualified persons, the date of their appointment and any communication between the two offices on the subject.”

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We estimate that it will take us in excess of 3.5 working days to determine whether the department holds appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, your request will not be processed further.

If you wish, you may refine your request in order to bring the cost of determining whether the Cabinet Office holds relevant information, locating, retrieving and extracting it, below the appropriate limit. The period covered by your request is very long and one way to refine it would be to narrow the period it covers, to make it possible for us to comply with your request within the appropriate limit. I must also inform you that if the Cabinet Office does hold any information, it may be subject to one or more of the exemptions contained in the Freedom of Information Act

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the FOI team. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B.', written in a cursive style.

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