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By email

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Dear Mr Donnelly,

Your Freedom Of Information Request: 0117-15

Further to your request for information, we notified you on 2 April that when a qualified exemption applies to the information requested and the public interest test is engaged, the Freedom of Information Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days, with a full response being provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case. We do, of course, aim to make all decisions within 20 working days, including in cases where we need to consider where the public interest lies in respect of a request for exempt information. In this case, however, we are still considering where the balance of the public interest lies.

We estimate that it will take an additional 20 days to take a decision. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by 3 June. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will keep you informed.

The specific exemption which applies in relation to your request is section 42 – legal professional privilege.

If you are unhappy with the service you are receiving and wish to make a complaint, please write to the FOI and DPA Team, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Room K4.14, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH. E-mail: foi-dpa.imd@fco.gov.uk. You have 40 working days to do so from the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FCO. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Please contact me if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Taylor
Legal Directorate



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