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Dear Mr Bell,

I refer to your request, where you asked:

I would like to know how many times since 23 June 2016 ministers and civil servants of the department have met with representatives of the Legatum Institute. Please provide a list of all such meetings and the names of the attendees. Please also list all other departmental events of whatever type or description to which Legatum Institute representatives have been invited, along with a list of such representatives and the subject matter of the event.

I can confirm the Department for Exiting the European Union holds information relevant to your request.

Ministers and officials from across Government are speaking with a variety of stakeholders from all sectors, to understand concerns and priorities after EU exit. Details of Ministerial meetings are published in the Department's Quarterly Transparency Returns, which are made publicly available on GOV.UK.

Details of all meetings within the scope of your request are included in the Annex. This includes meetings which have been already published as part of the transparency returns, as well as details of all meetings in scope from April 2017, which will be included in the Q2 2017 transparency returns which are due to be published shortly.

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Freedom of Information Team (internal review)
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You should note that DExEU 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.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team, DExEU.

ANNEX

Departmental Meetings/Events

Date	Type of Event	Legatum representatives in attendance	Ministers in attendance	Senior DExEU officials in attendance ¹
Sep 2016	Meeting	Shanker Singham, Molly Kiniry	Lord Bridges of Headley MBE	
Feb 2017	Meeting	Shanker Singham, Legatum Special Trade Commissioners	Lord Bridges of Headley MBE	
Apr 2017	Meeting	Shanker Singham	Lord Bridges of Headley MBE	Alex Ellis
Jul 2017	Conference	Shanker Singham	The Rt Hon David Davis MP, The Rt Hon Baroness Anelay of St Johns DBE, Robin Walker MP, and Steve Baker MP	Philip Rycroft, Sarah Healey, Susannah Storey, and Raoul Ruparel (Special Adviser)
Jul 2017	Meeting	Shanker Singham		Philip Rycroft
Aug 2017	Meeting	Shanker Singham		Philip Rycroft

External Events

- The Rt Hon David Davis MP and the Rt Hon David Jones MP attended an external conference in September 2016 where representatives of the Legatum Institute were invited.
- The Rt Hon David Davis MP spoke at a conference organised by the Legatum Institute in January 2017.

¹ Where Departmental officials below Director level attended meetings, this information is being withheld as it is exempt under section 40(2) of FoIA. Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles in schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act. In this case, I believe disclosure of the lists of colleagues that attended these meetings would contravene the first data protection principle, which provided that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and DExEU is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing this information.