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Ruth Hayhurst

By email to: request-665968-5f4c2e76@whatdotheyknow.com

Our ref: FOI-2020-0029

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Dear Ms Hayhurst,

Thank you for your email of 19 May 2020, in which you requested the following information:

"This is a follow-up to my request

https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2Fextension_to_initial_term_of_14t%23outgoing-1024619&data=02%7C01%7Cfoirequests%40ogauthority.co.uk%7C2b9e75b29f5a47577cf208d7fbd38180%7Ce681c59d868e488780face36f1f21b0f%7C0%7C0%7C637254758140601211&sddata=C0oGxssKxBsLqGce%2B8zd2CfEbmWLOTY6y2UoBNL6Ydc%3D&reserved=0 to which you responded on 13 May 2020.

Please identify any 14th round licences where the OGA refused requests by operators for a time extension beyond that agreed when the licence was issued.

Please also list any time extensions granted since the information the OGA provided on 13 May 2020."

Your request is being considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') on the basis that the information you have sought disclosure of, does in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

However, to the extent that any of the information requested may not be environmental, we have also considered your requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Accordingly, your requests have been dealt with under the terms of the EIRs and the FOIA

We are writing to advise you that the time limit for responding to your request for information needs to be extended.

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Under the EIRs, we are required to respond to requests as soon as possible, and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving a request. However, by regulation 7 the period of 20 working days may be extended up to a total of 40 working days if we reasonably believe that the complexity and volume of the information requested means that it is impractical to comply with a request within the earlier period or to make a decision to refuse to do so.

In respect of your request, we believe that regulation 7 applies. Therefore, although we shall not be able to respond fully to your request within the 20 working day period, we shall do so as soon as possible within the extended period.

Under the FOIA a public authority is also permitted to extend the period of time in which to reply when it is necessary to consider a test of the public interest.

We hope to provide you with a response by no later than 15 July 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Strategy Directorate