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Mathilda Fordham

By email only: request-673230-4146253f@whatdotheyknow.com

Ref: IC-45188-R7T9

Dear Mathilda Fordham,

We write in response to your recent request for information, which we received on 29 June 2020. We are now in a position to provide a response.

We have dealt with your request in accordance with your 'right to know' under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

In your correspondence you advised us:

I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request based on recorded information held by the Information Commissioner's Office.

- 1) Is the Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham normally based in Wilmslow or London?*
- 2) Is the Commissioner currently working from Canada? If the answer to this question is no, please disregard the rest of the request.*
- 3) Which Canadian timezone is she based in?*
- 4) Do her working hours coincide with the core working hours of Information Commissioner's Office staff? If so, which hours is the Commissioner working at the same time as her staff in the UK?*
- 5) Has a member of staff been nominated to take decisions in her absence? If so, who is this?*
- 6) Has the Department for Culture Media and Sport been informed that the Commissioner is working in Canada?*
- 7) When will the Commissioner return to the UK?*

Response

We can confirm that we hold information in scope of your request. We have address each element of your request separately below:

- 1) The Information Commissioner is normally based in London.
- 2) The Information Commissioner is currently working from Canada.
- 3) The Information Commissioner is currently based in the Canadian Pacific Time Zone.
- 4) We do not hold recorded information which addresses this element of your request. As an official appointed by the Crown, the Information Commissioner works the hours required to perform the functions of her role and attends all necessary meetings and engagements, irrespective of any time difference.
- 5) We do not hold information in scope of this element of your request. The Commissioner is not on a leave of absence and is fulfilling all aspects of her role.
- 6) The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) is aware that the Commissioner is working from Canada at the present time.
- 7) We do not hold recorded information in scope of this element of your request.

This concludes our response to your request.

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this response and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled you can write to the Information Access Team at the address below or e-mail accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Your request for internal review should be submitted to us within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the discretion of the Commissioner.

If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right of appeal to this office in our capacity as the statutory complaint handler under the legislation. To make such an application, please write to our Customer Contact Team at the address given or visit our website if you wish to make a complaint under the Freedom of Information Act.

A copy of our [review procedure](#) can be accessed from our website.

Yours sincerely

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