Dear Bruce Lamb,

Cabinet Office Internal Review Reference: IR 2021/ 02981
(Original Case Reference: FOI2020/ 21394)

REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 8 February 2021. You asked for an internal review of our response to your request for information on the company “Government UK Limited” registered with Companies House.

You wrote:

“The questions placed have NOT been answered or allocated to the relevant party. These cannot be difficult to answer. Thanks in anticipation of a speedy response.”

I have carefully reviewed the handling of your request and I consider that the Cabinet Office was correct in responding that it did not hold the information requested.

As was pointed out in our original response, despite the company’s name containing the words “Government UK”, it is a private limited company owned by a private individual and is neither owned by nor associated with the UK Government. This information is available on the Companies House website, which also shows that the company is currently dormant.

As the company appears to have never traded and submitted formal corporate accounts, it is likely that it does not own any actual assets (which would, in any case, be private assets of the owners and not the property of the UK Government). This would
mean that in answer to your original questions 1-4, the Cabinet Office (or any other
government department) would not hold any information on its assets, if any existed.

Given the above, with regard to you further question on whether there is any link
between this company’s termination and the EU Transition process, I can also confirm
that no information is held by the Cabinet Office.

I have also considered the point you raised in your internal review request that your
original correspondence wasn’t given to the correct team, I can confirm - for the reasons
outlined above - that no team within the Cabinet Office would hold this information.

I have therefore concluded that I should uphold the decision given in our letter. I hope
you find the explanation set out above helpful in clarifying our previous response to you.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information you, have the right
to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information
Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Water Lane
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