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28 May 2020

Dear Sumsi Timonda,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request (Our Reference 58618)

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 April 2020, in which you asked for clarification of our response to your FOI 58424 request.

A full copy of your request can be found in **Annex A**. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In our original response we said that API data is held for 10 years, with the oldest piece of information being from 2013. This is correct for all records. The moratorium was put in place in 2015 therefore will not cover the information stored before that date and will not impact until 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

-----Original Message-----

From: Sumsi Timonda <request-622788-3dbd8b89@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 30 April 2020 18:27

To: FOI Requests <FOIRequests@homeoffice.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information request - API Records

Dear Home Office,

Thank you for your response to request 58424.

In response to request 56603, I was told "API data is held for 10 years. We are unable to provide information on the deletion process as there is a Home Office moratorium preventing the destruction of Information."

Please clarify whether the date of the oldest API record as of March 2020--25th June 2013--is for all records, including those subject to further access controls. Does this also mean that the moratorium--placed in 2015--does not apply to API data as implied in the previous response? I am assuming that when the moratorium was placed, there should have been data going back at least five years at the time (there should have been records from 2010 in 2015).