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G Webber  
Via: request-451143-a2429ada@whatdotheyknow.com

Our ref: DEX001212 Extension

11 June 2018

Dear G Webber,

I refer to your request, where you asked:

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Disclose to me all recorded information your department holds regarding the processing of request/ internal review reference DEX000993 dated between 22 January and 10 May 2018.

To the extent that any of the recorded information in scope comprises my own personal data, you are welcome to treat this email as a subject access request under the Data Protection Act for that component of the recorded information.

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I can confirm that the Department for Exiting the EU (DExEU) holds information relevant to your request, but I am writing to advise you that I must extend the time limit for our response.

It is occasionally necessary to extend the 20 working day time limit for issuing a response. The Freedom of Information Act (the "Act") does not define what may constitute a 'reasonable' amount of time for an extension, however, guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office advises that extensions should normally take no longer than 20 additional working days.

We require further time to consider the public interest test under the following exemptions of the Act:

- Section 36(2)(b) if release of the information would, or would be likely to, inhibit the free and frank provision of advice, or the free and frank exchange for the purposes of deliberation.
- Section 36(2)(c) would otherwise prejudice, or would be likely to prejudice, the effective conduct of public affairs.

We have not yet reached a decision on whether the balance of the public interest favours disclosure of this information.

By virtue of section 10(3), when public authorities have to consider the balance of the public interest in relation to a request, they do not have to comply with the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances. We wish to fully consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to your request.

I hope to let you have a response within a further 20 working days of 11 June 2018. If I can reply before that date, I shall do so. If I need more time to consider the balance of the public interest, I shall write again to let you know.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the FOI team. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

**FOI Team**  
**Department for Exiting the EU (DExEU)**