



Sean Moran

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27<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Dear Sean Moran

Thank you for your refined request of 17 February 2014 where you asked for the following information:

- “1. Meetings between Tony Blair and barrister Ramby De Mello between 2002 and 2006.
2. Full list of all bribes/inducements promised to barrister Ramby De Mello by Tony Blair or people working for Tony Blair.
3. Instructions given to barrister Ramby De Mello by Tony Blair.
4. Minutes of all meetings between Tony Blair and barrister Ramby De Mello.
5. Copy of all other communications between Tony Blair and barrister Ramby De Mello.
6. All other instances of Tony Blair bribing/corrupting human rights or other types of lawyers suing the British Government.”

Thank you for your six requests of 19 February 2014 where you asked for the following information:

- “1. List of meetings between Tony Blair and Ramby de Mello Barrister from 2001 to 2006.
2. Copy of all communications between Tony Blair and Ramby de Mello Barrister from 2001 to 2006 both directly and indirectly.
3. Bribes and/or inducements promised to Ramby de Mello Barrister from 2001 to 2006 by Tony Blair and/or his associates.
4. Negotiations on behalf of Ramby de Mello's client made between Ramby de Mello and Tony Blair from 2001 to 2006.
5. Offers of settlement and admission of liability made by Tony Blair to Ramby de Mello in regard to claims made by Ramby de Mello's client from 2001 to 2006.”

The Cabinet Office received your requests on 17 and 19 February 2014 and I have dealt with them as one request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000.

I must inform you that, by virtue of section 14 of the Freedom of Information Act, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious. The Information Commissioner's guidance (I attach a link: [http://ico.org.uk/for\\_organisations/guidance\\_index/~media/documents/library/Freedom\\_of\\_Information/Detailed\\_specialist\\_guides/dealing-with-vexatious-requests.ashx](http://ico.org.uk/for_organisations/guidance_index/~media/documents/library/Freedom_of_Information/Detailed_specialist_guides/dealing-with-vexatious-requests.ashx)) sets out a number of indicators to help define a vexatious request. I consider that your request meets at least one of these indicators, in that it makes completely unfounded accusations, and I shall take no further action on this request.

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.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. G. Spencer', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

**FOI Team  
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