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Dear Mr Pearsall,

**Complaint to the Information Commissioner regarding Home Office FOI response (ICO ref FS50498285 - HO ref 26321).**

Upon complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the Home Office has reviewed its decision to withhold the information you originally requested on 7 February 2013. You asked for the following:

*'...can you please provide all information you have available in reference to a Certificate of Application...'*

I can inform you that we are able to release a number of template letters previously considered exempt from disclosure under section 31 (law enforcement) of the FOI Act. You can find this information in the **Annexes** to this letter. The Home Office maintains the application of section 40(2) (personal information) to the redactions set out in the internal review of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

The Home Office holds that the remaining redactions cover personal information, therefore exemptions at section 40(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of the provisions laid down by subsection 40(3)(a)(i) are engaged as disclosure would breach the first data protection principle at schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998. In particular, the Home Office confirms that disclosure would be neither fair nor lawful and contrary to the reasonable expectations of the data subjects and the conditions at schedules 2 of the Act are not met.

Yours sincerely

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