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Dear Mr Falmouth,

Thank you for your email of 23 January 2018 where you requested the following information:

Correspondence, including emails, between BEIS ministers, officials or representatives and any of the following individuals: Tony Blair; Mark Malloch-Brown; James McGrory; Jolyon/Jo Maugham; Nick Clegg; Gina Miller; Tom Brake; or Peter Mandelson, during the year 2016.

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Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

Section 12 of the Act is a provision which provides that a public authority is not obliged to comply with requests where the cost of complying would exceed a set limit known as the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

There is no central departmental repository holding the information in the format that you have requested so, in order to provide you with the information on the scale that you have requested, would require us to undertake a trawl of all the information held by our Ministers and staff, along with all the paper and electronic records held on the department's information repository and the department's correspondence tracking system for all information held within scope of your request. Any information which was then located would then need to be retrieved and extracted.

We estimate that to comply with your request would exceed the appropriate limit. Therefore, your request will not be processed further at this time.

To help us provide the information you are particularly interested in, you may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope. You could, for example, focus on correspondence specifically sent or received by BEIS Ministers. You could also consider specifying a specific BEIS policy area related to the individuals you have listed.

Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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