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Dear Pat Aspinall

Thank you for your email of 24 May where you requested sight of all correspondence from 12 May 2010 to 24 May 2013 between BIS and the National Federation of Subpostmasters information and between BIS and George Thomson, General Secretary of the National Federation of Subpostmasters.

Further to the letter we sent you on 25 June, the Department needs more time to complete the reply.

The following exemption is considered to apply to the information that you have requested:

Section 43(2), in that disclosure would be likely to prejudice commercial interests

By virtue of section 10 (3), where 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. The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills has not yet reached a decision on the balance of the public interest.

However, we hope to let you have a response by 20 August and will send you the response as soon as it is complete.

Yours sincerely,

Royal Mail and Post Office Network Team

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