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Dear Mr Pahe,

Re: Freedom of Information request – 60378

Thank you for your email of 15 September, in which you repeated your request of 2 June regarding information for an additional period of time. You specifically asked:

Please supply the dates and destinations of all charter flights leaving the UK in 2020. For each of these flights, please state:

- A. The date of the flight.
- B. The number of Removal Directions issued for the flight
- C. The number of people removed (Males, Females, and Children).
- D. The number of people withdrawn from the flight, through last minute legal actions or fresh representation or withdrawn for any other reasons.
- E. The number of criminal deportations on board.

Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We are considering your request. Although the FOIA carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified' exemptions, are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The FOIA allows us to exceed the 20-working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

The information which you have requested is being considered under the exemption in section 31 of the FOIA, which relates to law enforcement. This is a qualified exemption and to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20-working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by Tuesday 10 November.

Yours sincerely,

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