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2 March 2021

Dear Mr Sharp

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request (Our Reference 62401)

Thank you for your email of 2 February 2021, in which you ask for a list of all the Freedom of Information (FOI) requests made to the Home Office between 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2020, excluding all those made via 'what do they know' and for requests made by media outlets to be indicated. A full copy of your request can be found in the attached annex. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information requested is set out in the enclosed annex. This comprises FOI requests received by the Home Office between 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2020. Where a request has been received from an individual who has indicated they work for a media outlet, this has been identified in the annex.

Some information has been withheld within the annex under section 40(2) of the FOI Act because of the condition at section 40(3A)(a) where this concerns the personal data of the requester or a third party. This includes text within the wording of the request where this could lead the requester to be identified. It also includes the names of media outlets as releasing this information, together with publicly available information, may enable you to identify the requester. The FOI Act is applicant blind and requesters have a legitimate expectation that their details will not be released publicly. The Home Office has obligations under data protection legislation and in law generally to protect personal data. This exempts personal data from release if disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation and section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk, quoting reference **62401**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you

were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A – FOI request

Dear Home Office,

Please supply a list of all Freedom of Information requests made to the Home Office for the period 30 June 2020 to 31 December 2020, that were *not* made via the What Do They Know website.

For each request, please indicate whether the request was made by someone recognisably working for a media outlet; and the name of that outlet.

For the avoidance of doubt, I am *not* seeking the information supplied as a result of these requests, just the requests themselves. Nor am I seeking the identity of the person making the request.

This is a similar request to a freedom of information request I made in June 2020, requesting details for FOI requests made in the first part of 2020. This request was granted (your case reference 59293).

Yours faithfully,

Robert Sharp