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Ally Tibbitt

Via: request-468916-a920183f@whatdotheyknow.com

Our ref: DEX001434

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Dear Ally Tibbitt,

I refer to your request, where you asked:

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1) The Guardian reported that David Davis attended a conference at Oxford University in September 2016. I understand Legatum representatives were present. Regarding this, I would like:

A full list of those that attended (including names of MPs, legal and trade experts, as referred to by the Guardian)  
Reports, leaflets and pamphlets that were given out in the conference  
A schedule of the conference  
Emails between DExEU and the Legatum Institute about this conference at Oxford University

2) On the Legatum Institute website, David Davis spoke at a Legatum Institute conference in January 2017. Regarding this, I would like:

A full list of those that attended  
Reports, leaflets and pamphlets that were given out in the conference  
A schedule of the conference  
Emails between DExEU and the Legatum Institute about this conference in January 2017 (as well as subsequent correspondence relating to this event)  
Whether Davis received and accepted a fee for speaking at the conference. If so, please state how much

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I can confirm that the Department for Exiting the EU (DExEU) holds information relevant to your request, however I am writing to advise you that I must extend the time limit for our response.

It is occasionally necessary to extend the 20 working day time limit for issuing a response. The Freedom of Information Act ('the Act') does not define what may constitute a 'reasonable' amount of time for an extension, however, guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office advises that extensions should normally take no longer than 20 additional working days.

We require further time to consider the public interest test under the following exemptions of the Act:

Section 35, which exempts information if it relates to: the formulation or development of government policy; Ministerial communications; the provision of advice by any of the Law Officers, or; the operation of any Ministerial private office.

We have not yet reached a decision on whether the balance of the public interest favours disclosure of this information. By virtue of section 10(3), when 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. We wish to fully consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to your request.

I hope to let you have a response within a further 20 working days of 1 October 2018. If I can reply before that date, I shall do so. If I need more time to consider the balance of the public interest, I shall write again to let you know.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the FOI team. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Team, DExEU.**