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Freedom of Information request: FOI/153/2018

I am writing in response to the Freedom of Information request you submitted to this office on 6 September 2018. That request is copied in bold below:

Please provide the following documents that AGO confirmed it held on 1 September 2016 in

- 1. Briefing document for the Law Officers drafted by an AGO official dated 23 March 2004 entitled "MISC 13 MEETING CONFERENCE ROOM C, CABINET OFFICE TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2004 11AM" (as described in Annex A of response to my request FOI/79/16 dated 1 September 2016)**
- 2. Agenda of "Stakeholder meeting on Animal activism" held at CENTREX on 27 April 2004 (as described in Annex A of response to my request FOI/79/16 dated 1 September 2016)**
- 3. Briefing for the Attorney General by an AGO official entitled "Animal Rights" dated 1 June 2004 (as described in Annex A of response to my request FOI/79/16 dated 1 September 2016)**
- 4. Briefing for the Attorney General sent on 15 June 2004 (as described in Annex A of response to my request FOI/79/16 dated 1 September 2016)**
- 5. June 2004 document "OVERVIEW OF POLICING AND DOMESTIC EXTREMISM ISSUES – A note by Association of Chief police Officers, Terrorism and Allied Matters" (as described in Annex A of response to my request FOI/79/16 dated 1 September 2016)**
- 6. Minutes of "MEETING OF HOME OFFICE DELIVERY GROUP ON 15 JUNE 2004" (as described in Annex A of response to my request FOI/79/16 dated 1 September 2016)**
- 7. Text apparently prepared for a letter from AGO to Caroline Flint MP entitled "ARE MINISTERIAL DELIVERY GROUP – 15 JUNE 2004" (as described in Annex A of response to my request FOI/79/16 dated 1 September 2016)**

The Freedom of Information Act (2000) gives individuals and organisations the right of access to all types of recorded information held, at the time the request is received, by public authorities such as the Attorney General's Office (AGO). That right is subject to certain exemptions.

I am refusing your request under Section 12 of the FOI Act. The law allows us to decline to answer FOI requests when we estimate that it would cost us more than £600 (equivalent to 24 hours of work, calculated at £25 per hour) to identify, locate, retrieve and then extract the information that has been requested. This exemption is contained in section 12(1) of FOIA, and the appropriate limit is specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

For the AGO to retrieve the information in the scope of your request, which is currently stored on our behalf by an external body, we have calculated the cost to be over £600. This figure is based on the time it would take to attend that external body, locate and retrieve the requested material. We are satisfied that the amount of hours that would need to be dedicated to obtaining and extracting the information would all exceed the cost limit.

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 two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the above address.

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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