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Dear Mr Lander,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 13 June. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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Your request for information was as follows:

Please could you provide me with a list of all potential employer names and the volumes of paper / online applications submitted in the full month of May 2019.

Response

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) works to protect vulnerable groups in society, including children. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at the DBS and we play a vital role in keeping people safe.

Please see the attached dataset which contains the requested information. Please note the following with regards to the information:

The 'potential employer' field on a DBS application is not a mandatory field and therefore not all applications will contain them.

The 'potential employer' field on a DBS application is a free text field and therefore there may be several different permutations of the same potential employer.

Where a 'potential employer' has appeared less than 5 times it has been omitted. This information if combined with other information potentially available in the public sphere, could be used to identify certain individuals. Therefore, we have only provided details of applications that had 5 or more occurrences of the same 'potential employer' within that month. Therefor this information is considered exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please note: - the data requested has been provided to answer this specific request and should not be compared to any other data previously released and therefore, caution should be applied when using it.

I hope this is of assistance.

Your right to request an internal review under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are dissatisfied our handling of your Freedom of Information request you may request an internal review by e-mailing dbsfoi@dbs.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to Freedom of Information Manager, Disclosure and Barring Service, PO Box 165, L69 3JD. You should submit any request for review within two months of the date of this letter.

The Disclosure and Barring Service will aim to respond to your request for a review within 20 working days and in any case no longer than 40 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own internal complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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