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Dear Ms Smith

<u>Freedom of Information – 41377</u>

Thank you for your e-mail of 10 October, in which you ask for information regarding charter flights leaving the United Kingdom for Jamaica. Your query has been handled as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have asked:

- 1. It is known that a deportation/enforced removals charter flight departed the UK to Jamaica on 07/09/16. Are more enforced removal/deportation charter flights scheduled to Jamaica from the UK?
- 2. In total, how much money did the Jamaican High Commission receive for the issuance of emergency travel documents or other services (please specify in a breakdown of the costs) for the charter flight of 07/09/16?
- 3. How many people deported or removed on the charter flight to Jamaica of 07/09/16 received out of country appeal rights?
- 4. How many people deported on the charter flight from the UK to Jamaica dated 07/09/16 had criminal deportation cases?
- 5. What is the operational name of the flight, departing for Jamaica from the UK 07/09/16?
- 6. How many Removal Directions were issued for the charter flight from the UK to Jamaica dated 07/09/16?
- 7. What is the number of people removed (Males, Females and Children) on the charter flight from the UK to Jamaica dated 07/09/16?
- 8. What is the number of people withdrawn from the flight, through last minute legal actions or fresh representation or withdrawn for any other reasons, on the charter flight from the UK to Jamaica dated 07/09/16?



Home Office

We are considering your request. Although the Act 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 Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

Some of the information you have requested is being considered under the exemption in section 31(1) (e) of the Act, which relates to law enforcement and the operation of immigration control and under section 27(1) if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice:

- Relations between the United Kingdom and any other state
- Relations between the United Kingdom and any other international organisation or international court
- The interests of the United Kingdom abroad
- The promotion or protection by the United Kingdom of its interests abroad

These are qualified exemptions 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 1 December.

Yours sincerely

Immigration Enforcement

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