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Dear Luke Hinchliffe,

Your Freedom Of Information Request: FOI2023/10640

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 23rd May. In your request you asked for;

Thank you for your reply. My second refined request is below.

1. A copy of the department's overarching crisis management policy, held by HQ London, that was in effect on 22 May 23.

2. A copy of the department's generic, all-hazards crisis response and recovery plans, which were in effect on 22 May 23. These plans should include, but not limited to, the crisis management structure and the processes that the FCDO use.

This request only applies to plans held by:

** Crisis Management Department in HQ London * British Embassy Washington*

I can confirm that the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office does hold information falling within the terms of your request.

The FOI Act obliges us to respond to requests promptly, and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test is engaged, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days, and a full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case.

We do, of course, aim to make all decisions within 20 working days, including in cases where we need to consider where the public interest lies in respect of a request for exempt information. In this case, however, we have not yet reached a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies.

In your case we estimate that it will take an additional 20 days to take a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by 14 September. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will keep you informed.

The specific exemption which applies in relation to your request is: section 27 – international relations.

Please write to the Information Rights Unit, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Room WG.75, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH. E-mail: information.rights@fcdo.gov.uk if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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