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Dear Ms Jones,

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 October 2015, in which you ask for information relating to the non-statutory Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse at the time that it was chaired by Dame Fiona Woolf. This inquiry was replaced in March 2015 by the statutory Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse chaired by Justice Goddard. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

- 1. Was the Home Secretary aware of the relationship between Leon Brittan, his wife and Fiona Woolf when she was appointed? (Please release any documents about this)**

The Home Office does not hold information which would answer the question in part 1 of your request.

- 2. What body carries out vetting procedures for the Inquiry?**

The Home Office was responsible for the setting up of the non-statutory Inquiry and the appointment of the panel, and thus had responsibility for the carrying out of appointment checks.

- 3. Who has already been announced as members of the Inquiry and when were they asked? (as of 22 Sept 2014)**

We believe that the information you have requested is already reasonably accessible to you. It can be found in the Hansard publications and records section of the Parliament.uk website at the following link:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140905/wmstext/140905m0001.htm#14090529000008>

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts the Home Office from having to provide you with this information, because it is already reasonably accessible to you. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source which I have indicated, please contact me again.

Yours sincerely

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