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Dear Jenna Corderoy

**Your Freedom Of Information Request: FOI2020/02761**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 12th March. In your request you asked for;

*Thank-you for your response. I am happy to narrow the request. For parts one to four, I'd like the timeframe to be 1st March 2019 to the current day. With regards to part two, please narrow the location of the departmental training to London. I am interested in internal and external training. I am aware this will be treated as a new request. I would very much appreciate an acknowledgement. Many thanks.*

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth 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 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020. 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 24 – National Security.

Please contact us at [foi-dpa.pmcs@fco.gov.uk](mailto:foi-dpa.pmcs@fco.gov.uk) if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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