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Our Ref 11991  
Your Ref  
  
Date 30 June 2009

Dear Mr Ingram

I am writing further to my correspondence of 18 June regarding your information request dated 22 May in which you asked for details of all Freedom of Information requests received between 1 January and 22 May 2009. We are now in a position to provide you with a full reply to your request.

I am pleased to be able to disclose most of the information you requested. We do not hold information about the number of days taken to reply to each request for information, but the attached spreadsheet does show when each request was received and when each received a reply. It also indicates which, if any, exemptions were used to withhold any information for each case and which exemption, shown by section number, was applied. The word 'true' indicates that an exemption was applied and 'false' indicates that an exemption was not applied.

You also asked us to indicate if we were aware that any requests were received via a website. Where this is shown in our database we have indicated this in the far right column. For example, whatdotheyknow.com is shown as WDTK.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The department therefore, will be simultaneously releasing to the public the information you requested together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

You may be interested to know that the Ministry of Justice publishes quarterly statistics on departmental performance under the Freedom of Information Act. This information can be found at the following website address:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/freedomofinformationquarterly.htm>

Even though you did not request the names of those sending us requests for information, some requests did contain personal information, such as names and e-mail addresses, which

we have redacted (removed). This information has been withheld under section 40(2), on the basis that disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act. A detailed explanation of section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is within the attached annex as is the procedure to follow if you are not satisfied with this letter.

I would like to assure you that you have been supplied with all disclosable information that the Home Office holds. Where information has been withheld, I would like to assure you that we have considered the application of exemptions with great care in this case.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Kirk'.

Steve Kirk

## **Section 40(2): Personal data**

The names, postal addresses and e-mail addresses of those sending the Home Office requests for information have been withheld under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is on the basis that disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act and in particular the first data protection principle that the processing of personal data must be fair and lawful.

## **Complaints**

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting your complaint within two months to the below address quoting reference 11991:

Information Access Team  
Information Management Service  
Home Office  
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Email: [info.access@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:info.access@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

During the independent review, the department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.