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12 April 2012

Dear Mr Hayward

Freedom of Information request - our ref. 22361

I am writing further to my e-mail of 11 April 2012, about your request information regarding FoI requests submitted by Mr Martin McGartland. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Home Office does not hold the information you have requested. It is not, in general, part of the functions of the Home Office to issue guidance to police forces as to how they should discharge their statutory obligations under the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 22361. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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

Yours sincerely,

L. Fisher Information Access Team, Home Office