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Mr Malcolm Coles

Our Ref: FOI 311 572

(By email only: [request-62623-44e646d9@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-62623-44e646d9@whatdotheyknow.com))

23 March 2011

Dear Mr Coles,

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Thank you for your request for information on why the Prince of Wales was granted a .gov.uk domain name (a copy of your request is at Annex A). The Cabinet Office received your request on 18 February 2011 and I have dealt with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Following a search of our records, I must inform you that the Cabinet Office, which includes the Prime Minister's Office, does not hold information relevant to your request.

As you are aware, the Central Office of Information is responsible for managing the process for the approval of .gov.uk domain names. The address for the Central Office of Information is:

Central Office of Information  
Hercules House  
Hercules Road  
London SE1 7DU

If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request from the Cabinet Office you may ask for an internal review. If you wish to do so you should contact:

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after a response was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jonathan Keeling'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jonathan Keeling  
Knowledge and Information Management Unit

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FROM MALCOLM COLES DATED 18  
FEBRUARY 2011**

Dear Cabinet Office,

I would like to find out why the Prince of Wales has been granted a .gov.uk domain ( [www.princeofwales.gov.uk](http://www.princeofwales.gov.uk)) when he does not seem to meet the criteria laid down by the COI at <http://coi.gov.uk/guidance.php?page=193>.

I originally made this FOI request to ja.net:  
[http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/information\\_about\\_granting\\_the\\_p](http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/information_about_granting_the_p)

They have replied saying "According to the Janet Whois Lookup Service, the domain name princeofwales.gov.uk was originally registered in September 2003:  
<http://www.ja.net/services/whois/lookup.....>

COI took over management of the .gov.uk domain name approvals process in October 2006. Unfortunately we do not hold any records of applications or eligibility assessments prior to this date."

I now know that the Cabinet office was responsible for the management of domain names in 2003.

So could you supply me with the details of his application to use a .gov.uk domain and the details of any review or assessment you made as to his eligibility?

Yours faithfully,

malcolm coles