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by email only

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Dear Ms Montagu,

Freedom of Information request: FOI/112/21

I am writing again regarding the Freedom of Information request you submitted to this office dated 28 June 2021, as clarified by your email of 30 July 2021, both of which are copied in bold below;

Email of 30 July 2021:

As for the clarification, I am happy for part 1 of my request to be changed to: 'Communications between the AGO to Number 10 regarding the appointment of Michael Ellis as Attorney General, from the day of his appointment and the next day following his appointment.'

Email of 28 June 2021:

I am requesting the following:

- 1) Communications between the AGO to Number 10 regarding the appointment of Michael Ellis as Attorney General.**
- 2) Communications between AGO and Michael Ellis upon his appointment as Attorney General - the communications should be on the day of his appointment, and the next day following his appointment.**
- 3) Documents, which are not exempt, given to Michael Ellis upon his appointment, once again on the day of his appointment or the day following.**

On 14 September 2021 we wrote to you to inform you that we estimated we would require up to an additional 20 days to take a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies with regard to your request. I am very sorry to have to write to you again to inform you that we estimate we will require a further 20 working days to take this decision and provide you with our substantive response. As such, we aim to provide you with our response on or before 09 November 2021, but in any case as soon as we are able to.

While I appreciate you will be disappointed by this further delay, I hope you appreciate that we would like to give your request the proper attention it deserves. It may assist you to know that the factors we explained in our previous letter to you have impacted the speed at which we have been able to process your request more than we had previously anticipated they would.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the above address.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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