

1 November 2018 JJ Evans

(by email only: request-489845-092e50b2@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear JJ Evans,

Cabinet Office Internal Review Reference: IR326383

(Original Case Reference: FOI326383)

REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2018. You asked for an internal review of our response to your request for information of 7 June 2018. In your request you asked for the collective total of payments made to date to Solicitors, Junior Counsel & Counsel by the Infected Blood Inquiry in relation to their work on the Inquiry.

I have carefully reviewed the handling of your request and I consider that the exemptions at Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act were properly applied. I believe that the balance of the public interest was fully considered for the reasons set out it our letter of 28 June 2018. I have therefore concluded that I should uphold the decision given in our letter.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information you, have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,

Eirian Walsh Atkins Head, FOI Clearing House Cabinet Office