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By email

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Dear Mr Pitcairn

Internal Review on Freedom of Information Request

I am writing to let you know the outcome of the Internal Review you requested on 3 January 2017 in respect of your original request for information made on 23 November 2016.

In your original request you asked for a list of all leases for shooting rights over Crown Estate land in Wales, indicating the identity of each lessee, the rent payable and the term of each lease.

We provided that list as requested. Some of the information related to leases to individuals and some details of those leases was withheld under an exemption in section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act as it constituted personal information and its release would contravene the data protection principles.

Your internal review request was made on the basis that you believed the information we provided to be incomplete, as you believed it dealt solely with The Crown Estate's coastal portfolio and omitted reference to any inland properties, such as common land holdings.

In my Internal Review I re-examined the extent of the information we provided to you to ensure you were given all the information we held within the scope of your request. I can confirm that the information provided to you was correct and complete. To add context to this finding, I should add that The Crown Estate's rural holdings in Wales generally comprise inland commons. Whilst we do, on occasion, lease sporting rights on common land, the demand for such leases is not great because of location or the rights of grazing and public access associated with common land.

I trust that this further clarification provides an acceptable answer to your enquiry. However, if you remain unhappy with the outcome of the internal review on your information request, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Booth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rob Booth
General Counsel and Company Secretary