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by email only

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Dear Kacey Montagu,

## **Freedom of Information request: FOI/169/20**

I am writing in response to the Freedom of Information request you submitted to this office dated 10 September 2020 which is copied in bold below:

**Under FOI please give me an excel (NOT as a pdf) list of all FOI requests you have had since it became law. for each FOI request, please list:**

**date of request**

**date of reply**

**reference number/ID**

**subject/title of the request [each request on the list should include the subject/title of the request please]**

**status [whether information was fully released, partially released or withheld]**

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 FOIA gives individuals and organisations the right of access to all types of recorded information held, at the time the request is received, by public authorities such as the Attorney General's Office (AGO).

Section 1 of the FOIA places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty (contained in section 1(1)(a)) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. If confirmed, the second duty (contained in section 1(1)(b)) is, unless one or more of the exemptions contained in Part II of the FOIA applies, to disclose the information that has been confirmed as being held.

I have now considered your request. In order to compile a list of the FOI requests received to the AGO since the Freedom of Information Act became law in 2000, we would need to identify, locate, retrieve and then extract the information that has been requested. We estimate that this would take in excess of 24 hours to complete as it would require us to search large amounts of data. As such, we consider that the exemption laid out in section 12(1) of the FOI Act is applicable in this case, as the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit. The cost limit as laid out in section 12(1) is £600 (equivalent to 24 hours of work, calculated at £25 per hour).

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 letter and should be addressed to the above address.

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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