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Dear C. A. Purkis,

**Freedom of Information request (our reference: 28982)**

I am writing in response to your e-mail dated 16 October 2013, in which you asked for an internal review of the time taken to respond to your Freedom of Information (Fol) request of 17 September 2013.

I have now completed the review. I confirm that I have not previously been involved in the handling of your request.

Section 10(1) of the Fol Act requires that the Home Office should have informed you whether the information you requested was held, and if appropriate, have provided it to you within 20 working days of your request being received. Section 10(3) of the Fol Act requires that the Home Office should have informed you within this 20 working day period if additional time was required to consider the public interest considerations affecting the information you have requested. It is clear to me that neither of these conditions were met.

I apologise on behalf of the department for the length of time which it is taking to provide you with a response to your request. The policy unit has been informed of your concerns and I can confirm that your request is under active consideration and is being treated as a matter of priority. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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