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Dear Ms Purkis

Freedom of Information request (our ref: 28982): internal review

Thank you for your e-mail of 05 November 2013, in which you asked for an internal review of our response to your Freedom of Information (Fol) request regarding correspondence between the Home Office and the PCS (Public and Commercial Services Union).

I have now completed the review. I have examined all the relevant papers, and have consulted the policy unit which provided the original response. I have considered whether the correct procedures were followed and I can confirm that I was not involved in the initial handling of your request.

My conclusion is that original response dated 05 November 2013, provided all the information held by the Home Office in scope of your original request.

In addition to your request for a review, you highlighted in the information you received as part of the Home Office response, a reference to the Trade Union Executive who would be writing to the Home Office regarding future protocol. After consulting with the units concerned and with a representative of the PCS, I understand that this was not actioned and no relevant correspondence from the PCS has been sent.

Yours sincerely

Andy Woodgate
Information Access Team

Annex A – Complaints procedure

This completes the internal review process by the Home Office. If you remain dissatisfied with the response to your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Annex B – FOI request

In a summary of a released report regarding the investigations into the allegations made by Louise Perret about her experience working for the UKBA, The Professional Standards Unit made several recommendations at the time.

One of the recommendations was that the UK Border Agency should consider engagement with the PCS concerning advice they gave to their members not to come forward with evidence for the investigation and to encourage full co-operation from Union representatives.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information;

All the correspondence, notes, or minutes of meetings that were had with the PCS regarding this matter.

Annex C – Home Office response

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 September 2013, in which you ask for details of all the correspondence, notes, or minutes of meetings that were with the Department and PCS regarding the investigations into the allegations made by Louise Perrett. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am able to disclose the following information set out in the enclosed Annexes. We have completed a thorough search in the department and have provided a copy of an update that was part of minutes of a JCC meeting on the 4 November 2010. The details for the rest of the meeting have been removed as this is not relative to your request. We have redacted the names in the information as this is exempt from release under section 40(2) of the Act, which relates to the disclosure of personal data. For full details of this exemption, please see Annex B.