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Freedom of Information Request

Dear Ms Fox

Thank you for your email of 17 January 2017 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

"Now that ex policeman Gordon Anglesea is dead, please send a copy of the Macur review with the redactions made about Gordon Anglesea removed."

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested but it is exempt from disclosure under section 22(1) of the FOIA because it is intended for future publication.

This is a qualified exemption which means that the decision to disclose the information is subject to the public interest test. When assessing whether or not it was in the public interest to disclose the information to you, we took into account the following factors:

Public interest consideration favouring disclosure

- Disclosure of this information would be in keeping with the government's commitment to promote accountability and transparency relating to decisions taken by public bodies.

Public interest considerations favouring withholding the information

- It is important that publishing a revised version of the Report follows an agreed publication schedule. In this instance this means, given the subject matter, quality assuring the Report and then laying it in Parliament. This will ensure that accurate information is available to all members of the public at the same time. Premature publication could undermine the principle of making the information available to all at the same time through the official publication process.

We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information at this time.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this letter.

data.access@justice.gsi.gov.uk

Data Access and Compliance Unit, Ministry of Justice, 10.38, 102 Petty France,
London, SW1H 9AJ

You also have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning its investigation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith Bernstein'.

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