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Martin McGartland By email

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Dear Mr McGartland

Freedom of Information request – Our ref: FOI|267|13

Thank you for your e-mail of 29 December 2013, regarding media reports relating to the case of 'Amir' who, according to those reports, is alleged to be an MI5 agent. You asked for:

the cost/s to the taxpayer concerning legal action in the 'Amir' case....; and

2. if the above case has been settled out of court or if the case is still being dealt with.'

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 23(5) of the Freedom of Information Act provides an exemption from the requirement to say whether or not we hold information where the information was directly or indirectly supplied to us by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in section 23(3) of the Act. This list includes the Security Service. It also exempts us from having to disclose any such information to you. This response should not be taken as conclusive evidence that the information you have requested is or is not held by the Attorney General's Office.

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 Rowena Collins Rice, Director General, at the Attorney General's Office, 20 Victoria Street, London, SW1H ONF. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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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