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Dear Niki Konstantinidis

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI2020/19541

Thank you for your email of 23rd September asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please provide me with ministerial briefing papers containing any of the following terms "Julian Assange" or "Assange" or "Julian Paul Assange" "Prisoner no: A9379AY" or any other term identifying Mr Assange, from the year 2010 to the present date.

Please provide me with ministerial briefing papers of Mr Dominic Raab containing any of the following terms "Julian Assange" or "Assange" or "Julian Paul Assange" "Prisoner no: A9379AY" or any other term identifying Mr Assange, from the year 2019 and thereafter.

I can confirm that the FCDO does hold information relevant to your request.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. For central government the appropriate limit is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 3 ½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it. Your request as presently formulated is widely-framed and I estimate that it will take more than 3 ½ working days to locate, retrieve and extract this information. In these circumstances, we are not obliged under the Act to comply with your request. You may therefore wish to refine your request to narrow its scope to bring it within the appropriate limit.

For example, we would suggest you refine your request to a much short period i.e. a 12-

month period.

Please note that any new request will be given a separate reference number and we will then consider whether we can provide the information requested within the appropriate cost limit. This would of course be subject to the consideration of whether any of the other exemptions under the FOI Act apply.

If you would like to request a review of our decision, or if you wish to make a complaint, please write to the Information Rights Unit at Room WH2.177, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH, or by e-mail to information.rights@fcdo.gov.uk. Please note that you have 40 working days from the date of this letter in which to submit a request for an internal review.

You can apply directly to the Information Commissioner. However, the Information Commissioner will not normally make a decision unless you have first exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FCDO. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, or online at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Unit

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