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Dear Joseph Lloyd,

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 July, in which you made the following request for information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I wish to see the following:

- 1) Full copies of all minutes, agendas, action logs and briefing materials for the meeting between Nadine Dorries and Robbie Gibb held on 02/03/2022.
- 2) Full copies of all minutes, agendas, action logs and briefing materials for the meeting between Nadine Dorries, Tim Davie and Richard Sharpe held on 12/01/2022.
- 3) Full copies of all minutes, agendas, action logs and briefing materials for the meeting between Nadine Dorries, Dawn Airey and Alex Mahon held on 16/03/2022.

Please also include any other materials that were handed out or received during the meetings, such as presentations, reports, etc..

We can confirm that DCMS holds information within the scope of your request. However, we have determined that some of this information may be exempt from release under section 36 (Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs) of the Act. This is a qualified exemption and, as such, it is necessary to carry out a public interest test to consider whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

By virtue of section 10(3) of the Act, where public authorities have to carry out a public interest test, they do not have to comply with the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances. Due to the need to consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the information that you have requested, the department will not be able to respond to your request immediately. However, we hope to let you have a substantive response to your request by 12 September 2022.

Yours sincerely,



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Complaints and comments

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: foi@dcms.gov.uk. You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.

