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Michael Allinson

By email: request-984979-e912f218@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Michael Allinson

We refer to your request where you asked:

“How many non-disclosure agreements have been concluded between the Cabinet Office and:

- a) current staff members*
- b) former (since 2020) staff members*
- c) current and former (since 2020) staff members,”*

We are writing to inform you that the Cabinet Office is unable to comply with your request. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act relieves public authorities of the duty to comply with a request for information if the cost of dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations, and for central Government this is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 1/2 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Your request exceeds the cost limit because in locating and retrieving information; and extracting relevant information from its source(s).

If you wish, you may refine your request so that the cost of determining whether the Cabinet Office holds relevant information, locating, retrieving and extracting it would not exceed the appropriate limit. You may wish to specify a smaller duration or clarify whether you are seeking information in regards to non-disclosure agreements relating to employees or commercial arrangements.

Please be aware that if the Cabinet Office does hold any information relevant to a refined request, it may be subject to one or more of the exemptions in the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

Head of Freedom of Information
Cabinet Office
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email: foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. K.', is written on a light blue background.

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