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Dear Ms Mullen,

Internal Review of response to Freedom of Information Request FOI2017/17934

I am writing following your email of 26 September 2017, asking for an internal review of the response to your Freedom of Information (FOI) request. I am Marian Sudbury in the Department for International Trade (DIT) and I undertook the review. When I carried out the review I considered the information which was withheld, and whether the original response to your request was correct. My decision is explained below.

Your original request was made on 12 August 2017 and asked for the following information:

Please supply all information that explains how the Northern Powerhouse has become an entre for so many criminal organisations to take gross financial advantage of foreign and domestic investors WITHOUT ANY INTERVENTION BY THE GOVERNMENT

The Department answered your request on 22 August 2017.

This explained that the Department does not hold information on the developments highlighted in your email, and that the Department works with stakeholders in the North of England to develop a collaborative and unified approach to promoting the Northern Powerhouse to foreign investors.

Having considered the information in the light of your request for an internal review, I have concluded that the Department does not have knowledge of the developments or investors listed. Investment and planning decisions are the responsibility of the relevant Local Authorities.

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,

Marian Sudbury
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