



# Attorney General's Office

Attorney General's Office  
102 Petty France  
London  
SW1H 9EA

020 7271 2492

[www.gov.uk/ago](http://www.gov.uk/ago)

Gemma Partridge  
<mailto:request-651881-572e9e03@whatdotheyknow.com>

27 March 2020

Dear Ms Partridge

## **Freedom of Information request: FOI/52/20**

I am writing in response to the Freedom of Information request you submitted to this office and dated 3 March 2020 which is copied in bold below:

**Recently the Attorney General guaranteed evidence given by cladding firm witnesses to an inquiry will not be used to pursue criminal charges against them.**

**If available, please kindly list all occurrences from 2010 to the most recent available where the Attorney General has similarly assured person or persons that they will not be subject to prosecution. Please provide the information in two fields. If you don't know the exact date then provide the known portions of the date. We are not interested in personal information.**

The Freedom of Information Act (2000) gives individuals and organisations the right of access to all types of recorded information held, at the time the request is received, by public authorities such as the Attorney General's Office (AGO).

I understand your request to relate to an undertaking that if an individual gives evidence to a public inquiry without exercising their right to silence, they will not have that evidence used against them in a criminal prosecution. It is not an assurance that the person will not be subject to a prosecution.

The following occurrences of such undertakings, which can be located open source, have been identified from AGO records:

Inquiry into UK involvement with detainees in overseas counter-terrorism operations	July 2010
The Al-Sweady Inquiry	18 January 2011
Azelle Rodney Inquiry	4 April 2011
Iraqi Fatalities Investigations	4 August 2014
The Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry and Kincora Boys Home	7 January 2015
Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse	15 June 2015
Undercover Police Inquiry	28 August 2016

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 the above address.

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

FOI Officer

D +44 (0)20 7271 2492

E [correspondence@attorneygeneral.gov.uk](mailto:correspondence@attorneygeneral.gov.uk)