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Our Ref: FOI316029 – Cabinet Office Procurement Notes

Dear Mr Moody

Thank you for your request for information about Cabinet Office Procurement Notes PPN3/11 and PPN9/11. The Cabinet Office received your request on 10 January 2012 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Cabinet Office holds information relevant to your request but I have to advise you that I must extend the time limit for responding to your request.

It is occasionally necessary to extend the 20 working day time limit for issuing a response. Information you have requested is exempt under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43(2) protects information if its disclosure would prejudice a commercial interest. Section 43(2) is subject to a public interest test and the Cabinet Office has not yet reached a decision on whether the balance of the public interest favours disclosure of this information.

By virtue of section 10(3), when public authorities have to consider the balance of the public interest in relation to a request, they do not have to comply with the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances.

Owing to the need to consider, in all the circumstances of the case, where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to your request, we will not be able to respond to your request in full within 20 working days. I hope to let you have a response by 2 March 2012. If I can reply before that date, I shall

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do so. If I need more time to consider the balance of the public interest, I shall write again to let you know.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Keith Roberts', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

KEITH ROBERTS

MINISTERIAL BUSINESS ADVISOR