

From: EDMANDS, James <S.40(2)>
Sent: 07 September 2021 11:00
To: SMITH, Richard <S.40(2)>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request - ORR Board minutes

Hi Richard

Yes that looks fine. Makes rue you ask the FOI team what they think though. They will have experience in dealing with this.

Thanks

James

-----Original Message-----

From: SMITH, Richard <S.40(2)>
Sent: 06 September 2021 10:14
To: EDMANDS, James <S.40(2)>
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information request - ORR Board minutes

Hi James, hope you had a good weekend.

S.40(2) contacted me on Friday with a FOI request that the NAO had received in relation to the Office of Road and Rail. As this was one of the delegated audits where I was ED and we signed before S.40(2) as PD S.40(2), the request came to me. The request is straightforward - copied below, and I propose replying to the FOI Team, who will reply to the correspondent, in response to the questions as follows:

- 1) For the purpose of carrying out the audit, the NAO reviews Board minutes obtained directly from ORR. The NAO does not have a role in monitoring whether Board minutes are published on the ORR website on-time by the ORR.
- 2) The ORR did not notify the NAO that it had not published Board minutes on its website.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts.

Kind regards

Richard

-----Original Message-----

From: S.40(1) <request-788177-838921ef@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: 03 September 2021 07:25
To: FOI REQUESTS <FOI.Requests@nao.org.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - ORR Board minutes

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Dear National Audit Office,

As of 29 June 2021, no ORR Board minutes had been published on the ORR website since the minutes of the meeting on 22 September 2020, a period of almost 9 months with no publication of this information. Following a FOI request, the ORR has now published these minutes.

Under the FOI Act, please provide the following information:

- 1) Does the NAO monitor whether ORR publishes its Board minutes on time?
- 2) Did ORR notify the NAO that the ORR Board minutes had not been published since the minutes of the meeting of 22 September 2020?

Yours faithfully,

S.40(1)

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