

Dear Tyrone Armatage,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 17 January 2020. You asked:

Also...The "Carltona principle" as mentioned in your response as "a principle that permits civil servants to act as the Secretary of State. The principle was recognised by the courts in Carltona v Commissioner of Works [1943]"

is flawed because the Secretary of State is not medically qualified to overrule a GP, Consultant etc, therefore neither is anyone given permission to "act" as the Secretary of State.

Please provide me evidence to the contrary.

DWP Response

On this occasion the Department will not be processing your response further because your request does not comply with Section 8(1)(b) of the FOI Act. This means that to comply with your request the department requires that you give your real name. The Information Commissioner (ICO) has issued guidance for public authorities on this topic which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1164/recognising-a-request-made-under-the-foia.pdf>

If you would like to prove your real identity by sending in details to us we will reconsider your request. **You can supply this information to our Caxton House mailing address given at the bottom of this letter.** To keep your information secure, please **do not** send your personal details to us via electronic means such as email or the www.WhatDoTheyKnow.com website.

Should you wish to provide these details we will be able to take your request forward.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Department quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,
DWP Central FOI Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central FOI Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Web: ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745