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By email: request-512527-79b432b1@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Collyer

Thank you for your email of 22 August, in which you requested information in relation to the award of the Order of King Abdulaziz.

I can confirm that the Cabinet Office holds some information in relation to your request. In this instance, the information that we hold is already in the public domain.

The Ministerial Code, which is published on gov.uk website, sets out the standards of behaviour expected from all those who serve in Government. Section 7 covers, among other things, foreign decorations and the acceptance of gifts and hospitality. The Ministerial Code can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministerial-code>

The Prime Minister's office confirmed that the Prime Minister had received this award by way of a press notice published on 5 April 2017. This can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-meeting-with-king-salman-of-saudi-arabia-5-april-2017>.

In line with our commitment to transparency, the Cabinet Office publishes a quarterly list of Ministerial gifts, hospitality, travel and meetings. This award was included in the April-June publication for the Prime Minister, and as set out in that document, the medal was valued in excess of the limit set at Section 7.22 of the Ministerial code, and accordingly was retained by the Department. The transparency returns can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cabinet-office-ministerial-gifts-hospitality-travel-and-meetings-april-to-june-2017>

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. Smith', written in a cursive style.

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