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31 March 2021

Dear Mr Lloyd

Our ref: FOI2021/04631

I am writing in response to your request, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, in your email of 2 March. Your full request is attached.

I consider that your request engages Section 14 (1) of the Act as it would place a disproportionate burden on this office's resources.

The Information Commissioner has issued guidance on Section 14 and set out further considerations that the Commissioner has said may be relevant where: the requester has asked for a substantial volume of information; and the authority has real concerns about potentially exempt information being contained within the requested information; and any potentially exemption information cannot easily be isolated because it is scattered throughout the requested material. This guidance is available at:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1198/dealing-with-vexatious-requests.pdf>

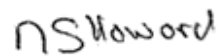
The scope of your request encompasses all minutes, agenda and briefing notes for meetings attended by the Prime Minister from August and September 2020. Your request also extends to other materials from the aforementioned meetings such as presentation slides, brochures, reports and leaflets. You have not identified any specific subject matter of interest which would narrow the searches of our official records.

In order to comply with your request, it would be necessary to examine every document from the specified timeframe to discover what information could be disclosed to you, or what might be covered by an exemption.

Given the sensitive nature of the Prime Minister's diary, it is highly likely that the documents and records of the meetings attended will engage one or more of the exemptions set out in the Act.

In this instance, having carefully considered this portion of your request in light of the Information Commissioner's guidance and considerations, I am of the view that Section 14 is engaged and we will not be processing this further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'NS Howard', is positioned above the printed name.

NICHOLAS HOWARD

Mr Joseph Lloyd

Incoming Request

I wish to see all minutes, agendas and briefing notes for all meeting attended by the Prime Minister between August and September 2020.

Please also include any other materials that were handed out or received during the meetings, such as presentation slides, brochures, reports and leaflets.



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If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received from this office in relation to any aspect of your request, you may ask for an internal review.

You should contact:

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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 the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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