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Dear Stephen Delahunty,

We refer to your request of 8 October, where you asked:

'Can you provide me with all digital and physical correspondence between anyone employed in, or subcontracted to, PR agency Pagefield - and former minister Dominic Raab.'

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). The Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU) holds some information within the scope of your request, this consists of correspondence:

an email sent by Pagefield on behalf of Carousel to the former Secretary of State, Dominic Raab on 11 September 2018, a letter sent by Graham Martin (European Chief Executive Officer) at Carousel to the former Secretary of State, Dominic Raab on 11 September 2018 and a document.

The document has been published and section 21 of the Act exempts information from disclosure if it is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Public authorities are not required to reissue information that is already in the public domain. However, please see below for a link to the document 'Brexit and Logistics: A catalyst for change and innovation?' published in September 2018 by Carousel, which is the focal point of correspondence sent to the former Secretary of State, Dominic Raab.

<https://www.carousel.eu/en/news/brexit-white-paper-launch-blog/>

We are able to disclose the remaining information and copies can be found in the attached annex.

Please note that some information has been redacted from the information disclosed to you

as it is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) (personal information) of the Act. This section exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the principles relating to the processing of personal data in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation ('the GDPR'). In this case, DExEU considers that disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and DExEU is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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