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Dear Miss Mills,

Freedom of Information request internal review: (our reference: 30167)

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 January 2014 in which you asked for an internal review of our response to your Freedom of Information (FoI) request.

I have now completed the review. I have examined all the relevant papers and have consulted the policy unit which provided the original response. I have considered whether the correct procedures were followed and assessed the response sent to you. I confirm that I was not involved in the initial handling of your request.

My conclusion is that the original response was correct. The Home Office does not have a specific agreement with Tascor or any other company about flights to and from Afghanistan. Tascor is contracted to undertake removals to all countries around the world and in doing this Tascor is required to conduct a risk assessment using information relating to the detainee and the destination to determine the required staffing profile.

To assist in this, the Home Office provides Tascor with a list of returnees and a current risk assessment of the local security situation to aid Tascor's planning and preparation for the flight. Overall responsibility for deciding on the correct level of staffing lies with Tascor, with the Home Office providing written consent on operational proposals on a case-by-case basis.

This completes the internal review process by the Home Office. If you remain dissatisfied with the response to your Fol request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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