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14 January 2011

Dear Mr Hanff,

Thank you for your e-mail of 21 December in which you ask the following:

*Please provide a copy of all communications with any CSP regarding RIPA from 1st January 2010 - 7th December 2010.*

*Please provide a list and where possible, transcripts/recordings of phone calls with any CSP regarding RIPA from 1st January 2010 – 7th December 2010.*

*Please provide a list of meetings and where possible, minutes of those meetings with any CSP regarding RIPA from 1st January 2010 - 7th December 2010 (whether they took place at the Home Office or at the offices of CSP involved).*

*Finally, please provide copies of all internal communications (including emails and memos) which discussed the management of the review consultation including (but not limited to) any communications which discussed the management of the review consultation, length of review consultation and which parties should be invited to engage; from 1st January 2010 - 20th December 2010.*

Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 under reference number:17198.

We are considering your request. Although the Act carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified exemptions', are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.



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The information which you have requested is being considered under the exemptions in section 35 of the Act which relates to the formulation of government policy. This is a qualified exemption and to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20 working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by 21 February 2011.

If you have any questions about the handling of your information request then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

J Fanshaw