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Internal Review of response to Freedom of Information Request

Dear Mr Beacon

I am writing following your email of 30 November asking for an internal review of the response to your Freedom of Information (FOI) request.

The Department registered your request as FOI2021/20898 and advised a response would be provided within 20 working days.

Having reviewed the amount of time taken for the Department to provide a response to your request I acknowledge that the Department has missed the statutory deadline of 20 working days as set out under the Act and is in breach of Section 10 of the FOI Act 2000.

This delay was caused due to the pressures the Department is experiencing in the current climate and unfortunately human error led to this and your other request being allocated to the wrong department and this led to subsequent delays to allocate and locate the correct department to determine if the information is held by the Department and to answer the request.

I understand a response to your FOI request has not yet been provided but will follow this review.

The Information Rights & Records Unit would like to extend their apologies for any inconvenience the delay in providing a response has caused. Our responses and timeliness are monitored very closely and are constantly reviewed with improvement being our aim. The responses are reported to Cabinet Office and are published on their website <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-foi-statistics#2021>

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,
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