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Dear Mr Freeman,

Thank you for your email of 23 May in which you requested an internal review of the response to your FOI request sent to you by Paul Ballinger of 9 May.

I have carefully reviewed the handling of your request. Having fully considered this case I have concluded that the Cabinet Office holds no further guidance or documents relating to your request. I can confirm that there are no restrictions in the use of employment agencies, job websites and search engines and that there is no requirement for civil servants to resign before seeking alternative employment.

However, before accepting any new appointment or employment which they intend to take up after they have left the Civil Service all serving/former civil servants must consider whether an application under the Business Appointment Rules is required. If it is required, they should not accept a new job offer before it has been approved. Serving civil servants must report to their line manager any approach from an outside employer with an offer of an appointment or employment for which approval would be required under the Rules if they plan to follow up the offer.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information 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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