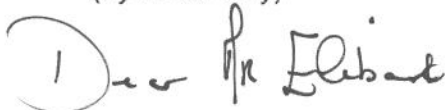


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**FOI274506 – Manual of Protective Security**

I am writing in response to your email of 18 March 2010, in which you made the following requests under the freedom of Information Act 2000:

... please provide me with a \*full\* copy of the Manual of Protective Security, and a \*full\* copy of the Security Policy Framework: not the redacted/limited version(s) made available online.

Please note that I have dealt with your requests for the Manual of Protective Security and the Security Policy Framework separately.

I am writing to advise you that the time limit for responding to your request needs to be extended.

Section 24 of the Act relates to national security. In applying section 24(1) there is a need to balance whether the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in releasing the information held by this department.

By virtue of section 10(3), when public authorities have to consider the balance of the public interest in relation to a request, they do not have to comply with the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances. Due to the need to consider, in all the circumstances of the case, where the balance of public interest lies in relation to your request, we consider that it will take an additional 20 working days in order to reach a decision on where the balance of public interest lies. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by 6 December 2010. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will keep you informed.

Please contact me if you have any queries about this letter.



Yasmine Edwards

