

Sent by email only to George Pendergast <request-777807-ab507a4a@whatdotheyknow.com>

29 September 2021

Dear Mr Pendergast

We are now in a position to respond to your freedom of information request of 27 July 2021 and we again appreciate your patience in this matter.

Please find attached the minutes for all meetings held by the Royal Mint Advisory Committee (**RMAC**) in the 2018/19 annual reporting period.

You will note that we have made some very minor redactions in the minutes, applying the sections 40 and 43 Freedom of Information Act (**FOIA**) exemptions – ‘Personal Information’ and ‘Commercial Interests’ respectively.

Primarily the redacted text relates to actual names attributable to specific comments of RMAC members which engages the section 40 FOIA exemption.

The other redactions relate to arrangements with artists. Whilst Section 40 is an absolute exemption, Section 43 is, of course, a qualified exemption, so we are obliged to carry out a public interest test here. In this case, if this information were disclosed, it would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of The Royal Mint in terms of future engagements with artists. We would see no public interest in disclosure of this information having regard to the clear potential harm to the commercial interests of The Royal Mint.

We, of course, hope you find the information disclosed to be of interest. However, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Mr Huw Lewis  
Chief Financial Officer  
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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. Please be aware that the Commissioner will be unlikely to make a decision until you have been through our internal complaints procedure first. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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