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Dear Mr Bonham

Enquiry

Thank you for your e-mail of the 16 November 2020, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

I would like to know whether or not, there is or was an investigation related to serious fraud or money laundering where the current Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth and Loganaden Govinden (a Mauritian/UK citizen) are involved, between year 2011 and now, and if so, where matter stands. Furthermore, any explanation into why investigation has been stopped, discontinued and/or struggling. The investigation concerned a transfer of MUR 20 million between two UK based bank accounts holders, that is, from Mr Govinden to one Mr Rowntree, for the purchase of lands in Mauritius by the Prime Minister named above. I would be very much grateful if above required information may be made available to the public under FOI.

I am writing to advise you that your enquiry does not fall under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regime and has been rejected by the Disclosure Team.

It may be helpful if I explain that the FOIA gives individuals and organisations the right of access to all types of recorded information held, at the time the request is received, by public authorities such as the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). Section 84 of the FOIA states that in order for a request for information to be handled as a FOI request, it must be for recorded information.

For example, a FOI request would be for a copy of a policy, rather than an explanation as to why we have that policy in place. On occasion, the MoJ receives requests that do not ask for recorded information, but ask more general questions about, for example, a policy, opinion or a decision.

You may wish to re-submit your enquiry to the Ministry of Justice, which will be treated as Official Correspondence. Our contact details are as follows:

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Contact Form:

<https://contact-moj.dsd.io/>

If you do have any questions relating specifically to the FOIA or Data Protection Act (DPA), please contact the Disclosure Team at the following e-mail address: data.access@justice.gov.uk. For your advice and assistance, I would advise that any such request clarifies what specific recorded information you would be requesting from MoJ? It would help if any such request clarified if you are asking for any particular report, or court case details? On receipt of a request for recorded information, then MoJ could be able to process your request as an FOIA.

Please be aware that we cannot guarantee at this stage that any information will be held for any clarified request, or that any FOIA exemptions will not apply. Also, MoJ may not be the appropriate authority to contact on this subject because it could be Home Office, or CPS who such an enquiry needs to be directed to.

Yours sincerely

The Disclosure Team