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Dear Chand Bakshi

Thank you your email which we received on 12 May in which you made a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI). You asked for:

- 1) *Are they able to be prosecuted for all crimes that a regular citizen of the country are?*
- 2) *For what crimes are they exempt from prosecution? (please provide a list if there are any.)*
- 3) *Can they be called as witnesses in a court of law?*
- 4) *Can they be sued?*

These do not constitute as requests under the Freedom of Information Act as they are requests for advice and not information, therefore your request has not been treated under the Freedom of Information Act. The Freedom of Information act is an Act to make provision for the disclosure of information held by the public authorities or by persons providing services for them not advice.

The Attorney General is principal legal advisor to government and as such is unable offer any legal advice or any assistance to individuals. I can only suggest that you seek this advice from either your own independent legal advisor or contact either your local Citizens Advice Bureau or Law Centre.

In your email of the 12 May you also asked under the Freedom of Information Act for:

- 5) *Has the Attorney Generals Office ever had meetings or discussions on the extent to which they are subject to the law? For example during the Burrell affair? (if they have please provide copies of any notes, memos, emails or minutes from such meetings.)*

6) *Does the Attorney General's Office have any internal guidelines, handbooks, policies on this subject? (if so please provide copies.)*"

These questions are still currently being looked into and a letter explaining this has already been sent to you. I hope to provide you with an answer to those questions by 9 July.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Ross', written in a cursive style.

James Ross
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