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Dear Mr Brown

**[Reference 28484]**

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 August 2013, in which you ask for information about the Home Office's twitter messages about arrests of suspected immigration offenders on 1 August 2013. Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are considering your request. Although the Act carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified exemptions', are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

The information which you have requested is being considered under the exemption in sections 36 of the Act, which relates to prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs. This is a qualified exemption and to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20 working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by 4 October 2013.

If you have any questions about the handling of your information request then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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