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Dear Mr O'Connor

Thank you for your enquiry of 29 July 2017 in which you requested information on former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott. Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

I have witnessed a digital copy of the former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott (Anthony John Abbott) which does not resemble other UK Citizenship Renunciation documents.

I wish to enquire as to the former Prime Minister's status. Production of a fake document as well as lying to the Australian public would be serious offences.

Response

The Home Office has obligations under the Data Protection Act and in law generally to protect information which constitutes the personal data of individuals. For that reason we do not normally confirm or deny whether we hold information about an individual's citizenship status, or disclose information if we do hold it.

However, in the case of Mr. Abbott he has placed in the public domain a letter confirming his renunciation of British citizenship. That removes to an extent our duty to protect his personal information, providing we do not disclose any additional information to that which he has chosen to make publicly available himself. I can

confirm that the letter which Mr. Abbott has made public matches information held by the Home Office.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference 44821. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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