

Date 5/8/15

Our Ref: IR 404

Dear Fred Rogers FTR group,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) internal review request received on 13/07/15.  
You asked:

*"We totally disagree with your comments on the UK commitment to Human Rights  
Prisoners voting rights?  
Why is the Human Rights Act 1998 going to be scrapped?  
Why is the UK going to be the first member state to be investigated by the UNDRC under  
systemic violations of Human Rights?  
Will you answer these questions? probably not"*

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

The above questions sent by yourself state that you disagree with our comments in relation to your previous Freedom of Information request, which asked questions pertaining to an allegation that the United Kingdom is being investigated under the UNCRPD. In our previous response we applied the exemption in Section 27 on International Relations; "All United Nations inquiry processes are confidential. That confidentiality should be respected."

As a result of this review I am satisfied that the original response was handled properly and that the outcome of your request was correct. The reasoning behind this decision is as follows:

- The questions that you asked in your previous FOI request pertain to an alleged UN enquiry involving the UK government. Any information relating to such activity is clearly covered under the exemption applied. Therefore the application of the exemption applies to your request for information.
- In response to the first question in your previous request for information, (which requested information held by the Department on the Committee on the Rights of persons with Disabilities), the exemption was again applied; however you were signposted towards information on the Committee available on the internet. I uphold the application of the exemption to this question, and reiterate that information on the committee is still available through the link previously supplied.

In your email dated 13 July 2015 you ask an additional question relating to the Human Rights Act. As the information you seek is not held by the Department we will not be processing your request further. Please note that the Human Rights Act is a policy area in the Ministry of Justice. Any requests for information on this subject should therefore be directed to that Department.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the Department quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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**Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact\\_us](http://www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us) or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745