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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Decision notice**

Date: 5 June 2024

Public Authority: Department for Culture, Media and Sport

**Address: 100 Parliament Street
London
SW1A 2BQ**

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport on 9 February 2024:

"Can the department share all communications (email, telephonic or otherwise) that were received about the potential awarding of funds under the Music Export Growth Scheme from all MPs from Northern Ireland from November 1 2023 until the latest date possible in February 2024?"

Can the department also share all communications email, telephonic or otherwise) which related to the potential awarding of funding to the Northern Irish band Kneecap, be it from other politicians, members of the House of Lords, department officials or different departments over the same period?"

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

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Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals
PO Box 9300
LEICESTER
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963
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Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

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