

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 10 July 2024

Public Authority: Secretary of State for the Home Office

Address: Peel Building
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from the Home Office on 6 February 2024:

"I hope this reaches you well and you have had a good week so far. Please could you share all internal communications (email, MS Teams messages, or similar) relating to FOIs 2023/06770 and 2024/00659.

The email search should be completed between 18 December 2023 and the 5 February 2024 and include all individuals involved in the decision. Please release all emails in their raw form but, in accordance with s 40 FOIA 2000, redact any personal identifying information. In line with the Home Office's response to FOI 75200, please note that such a request should not fall for exemption under s.12(1) FOIA, and that this data is possible to retrieve and disclose."

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.

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

Fax: 0870 739 5836

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.

**Information Commissioner
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