

29 September 2009

Peter Collingbourne Esq.
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(by email only)

Dear Mr Collingbourne,

REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing further to your request for an internal review of the Cabinet Office's handling of your request for information about our procedures for conducting internal reviews. I have reproduced your original request below for ease of reference. I am very sorry for not replying before now.

- "1. A copy of your FOI Internal Review procedure.*
- 2. How many FOI Internal Review requests were received in 2007?*
- 3. For each such request, please state:*
 - a) the date of the internal review request*
 - b) the date of the internal review response*
 - c) whether the original decision was overturned, partially overturned or upheld*
 - d) if the original decision was overturned, partially or otherwise, the date on which the originally withheld information was provided.*

If it would cost more than the appropriate limit to satisfy 3a,b,c,d for each such request, I would like only information covering points 3a,b."

In your email requesting an internal review you raised two points about the Cabinet Office's response. I have reproduced the text of this email below for ease of reference.

- "1. Can you confirm that you do not have any internal written procedures (other than the MOJ guidance) followed by staff in relation to internal reviews (it is quite clear that this is what I was expecting); if so please provide these to me.*
- 3. The MOJ annual report does not contain the detailed statistics I requested. Can these please be provided to me."*



In answer to your first question, I can confirm that the Cabinet Office's usual internal review procedures include a request to the official, or team, who drafted the original response to brief me on the case. Having considered this briefing I then write to the applicant who requested an internal review when I have come to a decision whether the original response was correct.

In answer to your second question, you are quite right that the response did not include the information you requested, as the Ministry of Justice's annual report does not include the detailed statistics you asked for. This information is now enclosed as an annex to this letter.

I hope this information is what you are looking for and, once again, I apologise for not replying before now.

I am copying this letter to the Information Commissioner's Office, as I understand that you have been in touch with his office given our delay in replying to your request for an internal review.

If you are not content with the outcome of this internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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Date of internal review request	Date of internal review response	Whether original decision was overturned, partially overturned or upheld	If the original decision was overturned, partially or otherwise, the date on which the originally withheld information was provided
01/01/2007	06/02/2007	partially overturned	06/02/2007
03/01/2007	08/08/2007	upheld	N/A
09/01/2007	06/02/2007	upheld	N/A
16/01/2007	22/02/2007	upheld	N/A
19/01/2007	23/10/2007	upheld	N/A
22/01/2007	22/02/2007	upheld	N/A
24/01/2007	21/02/2007	upheld	N/A
26/01/2007	01/03/2007	upheld	N/A
27/01/2007	12/04/2007	upheld	N/A
12/02/2007	08/03/2007	partially overturned	N/A - no information provided additional exemptions cited
13/02/2007	11/04/2009	upheld	N/A
24/02/2007	22/06/2007	upheld	N/A
26/02/2007	12/04/2007	upheld	N/A
24/02/2007	23/04/2007	upheld	N/A
21/03/2007	01/05/2007	upheld	N/A
05/04/2007	17/09/2007	partially overturned	17/09/2007
05/04/2007	22/05/2007	upheld	N/A
05/04/2007	07/11/2007	upheld	N/A
14/04/2007	17/01/2008	overturned	17/01/2008
30/04/2007	17/05/2007	upheld	
30/04/2007	08/08/2007	partially overturned	N/A - no information provided, cost limit cited
30/04/2007	18/05/2007	upheld	N/A
10/05/2007	07/06/2007	upheld	N/A
10/05/2007	07/06/2007	upheld	N/A
16/05/2007	21/06/2007	partially overturned	N/A - no information provided additional exemptions cited
25/05/2007	23/12/2008	partially overturned	N/A - no information provided additional exemptions cited
29/05/2007	11/07/2007	upheld	N/A
11/06/2007	Not known	Not known - request transferred to OGD	N/A
12/06/2007	31/07/2007	upheld	N/A
11/06/2007	02/08/2007	partially overturned	N/A - no information provided additional exemptions cited
27/06/2007	13/09/2007	upheld	N/A

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06/07/2007	19/12/2007	upheld	N/A
20/07/2007	28/08/2007	upheld	N/A
21/07/2007	23/08/2007	upheld	N/A
27/07/2007	13/09/2007	upheld	N/A
03/08/2007	24/08/2007	upheld	N/A
05/08/2007	17/01/2008	upheld	N/A
06/08/2007	31/10/2007	upheld	N/A
24/10/2007	09/11/2007	upheld	N/A
11/09/2007	23/10/2007	upheld	N/A
13/09/2007	06/05/2008	partially overturned	06/05/2008
19/09/2007	23/10/2007	upheld	N/A
19/09/2007	19/06/2008	partially overturned	19/06/2008
20/09/2007	request withdrawn	N/A	N/A
26/09/2007	17/04/2008	upheld	N/A
24/09/2007	31/10/2007	upheld	N/A
26/09/2007	29/11/2007	upheld	N/A
26/09/2009	09/11/2007	upheld	N/A
26/09/2007	03/12/2007	upheld	N/A
03/10/2007	23/10/2007	upheld	N/A
05/10/2007	13/02/2008	upheld	N/A
16/10/2007	29/11/2007	upheld	N/A
17/10/2007	16/11/2007	upheld	N/A
22/10/2007	17/12/2007	upheld	N/A
23/10/2007	09/11/2007	upheld	N/A
01/11/2007	13/03/2008	upheld	N/A
07/11/2007	17/12/2007	upheld	N/A
13/11/2007	11/12/2007	partially overturned	N/A - no information provided exemptions cited
21/11/2007	08/01/2008	overturned	08/01/2008
28/11/2007	08/01/2008	upheld	N/A
06/12/2007	14/01/2008	upheld	N/A
07/12/2007	27/03/2008	partially overturned	N/A - no information provided exemptions cited
07/12/2008	31/01/2008	upheld	N/A
12/12/2007	27/03/2008	upheld	N/A
13/12/2007	13/02/2008	partially overturned	13/02/2008
14/12/2007	20/02/2008	upheld	N/A
18/12/2007	17/01/2008	upheld	N/A