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Request

You asked us:

"I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to make the following request and ask for the following information to be disclosed. The information relates to plans outlined by the crime and policing minister to use Britain's passport database in facial recognition systems. (See here for further context [<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/police-passport-database-shoplifting-burglary-car-bike-thefts-dsmdftmm>]).

Please may you provide me with:

- 1. Any minutes of meetings between ICO staff members and members of the HM Passport Office (Home Office) about the above outlined plans.*
- 2. Any email correspondence between the ICO and the HM Passport Office (Home Office) about the outlined plans."*

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

We have searched our records based on the information you have provided and confirm that we do not hold information within the scope of your request.

While the ICO has contact with HM Passport Office and the Home Office regarding data protection and Freedom of Information matters, we do not hold any records of meetings or correspondence relating to the recently announced plans as outlined in your request.

This concludes our response to your request.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full review procedure [here](#).

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can [raise a complaint through our website](#).

Your information

Our [Privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and set out your rights. Our retention schedule can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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