

25 April 2024

Case Reference IC-296719-Z3V9

Review of response to information request

I write further to your email of date in which you requested a review of the handling of your request dealt with under the reference number IC-296719-Z3V9.

As a result, we have conducted an internal review of our response to your information request which was handled under the above reference number. I am a Group Manager in the Information Access Team, and I can confirm that I have had no prior involvement in the handling of this request.

Request and response

On 26 March we received a request from you which said: *For good governance, please clarify whether the ICO is part of the Government and, if so, whether the Commissioner and the staff working for the ICO are civil servants bound by the Civil Service Code. Please also clarify whether the ICO is regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and if your Solicitors are part of the Government Legal Department.*

Review

On receipt of the response, you requested an Internal Review as follows:
I ask you to please arrange an internal review relating to this request and let me know the position. Many thanks.

On 17 April, I queried with you in an email what aspect of the response you remain unhappy with. I have not had a reply to that email so am responding to your email of 3 April in order to respond within the statutory deadline.

The purpose of this review is to look again at your request and the response that was provided to you, to ensure it was correct and that any exemptions applied were appropriate.

I can confirm that I have reviewed the original questions asked and the responses supplied to those questions. The responses given were clear, concise, and fully answered each question asked.

I consider that the response given was fully compliant. For this reason, your review is not upheld.

Complaint procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of this review, you can make a formal complaint with the ICO in its capacity as the regulator of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please follow the link below to submit your complaint:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>