

1 November 2024

IC-338979-Z7J1

Request

You asked us:

"A footnote to a recent judgment of the First-tier Tribunal says "A link was cited (by both the Appellant and by the Commissioner in his response to the appeal), as follows: <https://ico.org.uk/media/about-the-ico/disclosure-log/4019585/president-tsai-ing-wen-phd-requestsresponse.pdf>. However, the link is not functioning and a search on the Commissioner's website does not reveal anything regarding this disclosure log".

Please could disclose the pdf document that was hosted at that link?

Please could you also disclose any correspondence, including internal discussions, about its removal?

Outside of FOI, please also feel free to add any wider comment on the circumstances."

We received your request on 20 October 2024.

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

Our response

We can confirm that we hold some information in scope of your request.

The link you refer to led to a post on our disclosure log, which hosted our response to a number of requests regarding former Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-Wen. Whilst the post is now no longer on our website, the response itself was issued via WhatDoTheyKnow, [which still hosts the response](#).

As the information you have requested is already publicly available via WhatDoTheyKnow, this information is technically withheld under section 21 of the FOIA. Further information on this can be found below.

For clarity on why the response has been removed from our disclosure log, this is because we have a two year retention for all responses posted to the disclosure log. This is in line with the two year retention period for information requests we receive, as outlined in our [retention schedule](#).

We can confirm that the original case reference under which this response was issued, IC-151671-L7G4, has been deleted from our systems in line with our retention policy. We still hold a copy of the request response on a separate complaint case.

Regarding your request for any correspondence and internal discussions regarding this post's removal, we can confirm that we do not hold any information in scope of your request. No discussions were held about the removal of this post in particular, as it was automatically deleted in line with the retention period.

Information withheld

FOIA section 21

Some information you requested, namely a copy of the request response hosted on the link you specified, has been technically withheld under section 21 of the FOIA, as it can be accessed via WhatDoTheyKnow.

Section 21 states that we don't need to provide you with a copy of the information when it is already reasonably accessible to the requester.

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 sets out [your rights](#). Our [Retention and Disposal Policy](#) details how long we keep information.

Yours sincerely



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