

20 December 2024

ICO Reference: IC-340558-W3J7

Review of response to information request

I write further to your email of 25 November 2024 in which you requested a review of the handling of your request dealt with under the reference number IC-340558-W3J7.

The purpose of an internal review is to look again at your request, at our response, and to check that any exemptions applied were appropriate.

As a result we have conducted an internal review of our response to your information request. I am a Team 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 24 October 2024 we received a request from you which sought the following information:

"I am seeking all the information you have relied upon to reach your decision [Decision Notice for IC-314254-T6B7] regarding para's 12 & 15 (copied below) issued 15/10/2024"

And: "please provide all information circulated within the ICO or advice provided about the use, or otherwise, of Excel"

On 21 November 2024 we responded by explaining that the first part of your request was partly covered by a separate response sent to you. In addition, we advised that the decision notice fully summarises the information behind our decision, as well as providing some additional

links. We also advised that complying with the second part of your request would exceed the cost limit set out by Section 12 of the FOIA.

Review

On 25 November 2024 you responded, requesting an internal review.

It is not clear what information you consider to be missing from your response. The majority of your email expresses dissatisfaction with the outcome of IC-314254-T6B7. As you are aware, the correct route to challenge the decision notice issued in that case is via the First-tier tribunal.

However, having reviewed the case I can confirm that the information disclosed via IC-339841-S7S4, the decision notice and the additional links provided constitute all the information we hold in relation to the first part of your request, barring any information that was withheld via an exemption/s. Whilst I appreciate you may feel that we should hold further information that supports our decision, this does not translate to meaning that we have incorrectly withheld any information.

With regards to our application of Section 12, the original case handler provided a clear and comprehensive explanation as why we assessed that the cost limit would be exceeded. There is little further I can add to that explanation, other than to say I agree with the reasoning provided. We also provided relevant advice and assistance as to how you could potentially refine your request to bring it within the cost limit.

Taking the above into account, your internal 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/>.

Yours sincerely,

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