

31 January 2025

**Ref: IC-359217-Y6Z6**

## Request

You asked us:

"Your website states the "The Prime Minister, the Chancellor, and the Business Secretary wrote to the Information Commissioner (along with 16 other regulators) at the end of December asking for proposals to boost business confidence, improve the investment climate, and foster sustainable economic growth": <https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/media-centre/news-and-blogs/2025/01/ico-response-to-government-on-economic-growth/> Although the Information Commissioner's reply, which also discloses the initial letter, has been published I cannot find the letter itself anywhere. Please can you provide me a copy of this letter.

It was also reported in the Press on 16 January 2025 that the Chancellor "summons regulators to Downing Street to push growth agenda" <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jan/16/rachel-reeves-summons-regulator-chiefs-to-downing-street-to-push-growth-agenda>. Please can you disclose whether the ICO took part in that meeting and, if so, disclose (subject to any permitted redactions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000) what was discussed and what (if anything) was agreed."

We received your request on 29 January.

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

## Our response

We do hold information within the scope of the first part of your request. Attached is a copy of the requested letter.

We do not hold any information in scope of the second part of your request. We did not attend the meeting with the Chancellor referenced in 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](#) on our website.

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**

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Yours sincerely



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