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17<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Dear Mr Sabir,

**INTERNAL REVIEW - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF 0185-10  
AND 0186-10**

You requested an internal review of the decision, conveyed to you via email on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") regarding the FCO's correspondence and meetings with members of the Quilliam Foundation. You also asked about FCO funding for the Quilliam Foundation.

In your email of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 you raise three points:

1. You request the release of the total amount of funding provided by the FCO to the Quilliam Foundation;
2. the names of those working for the Quilliam Foundation not be subject to Section 38(1)(b) as they are already in the public domain
3. you request the email digest be sent in it's original email format.

Point 1 above was addressed in the original response to your request reference: 186-10. The relevant extract is below for ease.

*FCO funding for Quilliam Foundation*

*A bid of £800,000 was approved by the FCO in 2008 for The Quilliam Foundation to carry out their work over two years. A breakdown of this is as follows:*

*2008-2009: £323,590*

*2009-2010: £428,105*

*Total amount funded since 2008: £751,695*

With regards to point 2, whilst we recognise the names of some members of the Quilliam Foundation are in the public domain, we have a duty of care to those individuals involved in the delivery FCO funded projects. We believe that the release of any information regarding operational involvement of individuals in projects poses a direct threat to the safety of these individuals. Section 38(1) (b) allows for information to be exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, endanger the safety of any individual. It is for this reason that my colleague applied this exemption in responding to your original request. Having reviewed the

use of this exemption as it was applied to your requests, I am satisfied that it was used correctly and the public interest test in withholding the information outweighs its release.

You request the email correspondence we have released to you be re-released in its original format and not as a digest. The digest is considered to be a reasonable format in which to present information. It would not be an appropriate use of staff time to photocopy and redact the original emails, when the requester has already been provided with the relevant information.

If you are not content with the outcome of this Internal Review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely,

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