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Subject: Rich Cookson FOI request - short letter for your comments ASAP



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Adam and Adam

I need to get a draft response to the Information management division by Thursday for checking. I have had a look at what information the secretariat holds and I'm afraid it's only minor stuff like press cuttings and press coverage reports. There does not seem to be from the document register any minutes of meeting between grayling/you and members. You wanted to check what sort of stuff I might send him but I don't think you need to as it is public material anyway.

I was going to draft a letter explaining that we can't send him the info he requests because we do not hold that information within the secretariat (defra). And communications between yourselves and members that do not come via the secretariat are outside of FOI rules. I will attach a sample of information to the letter and I will send it to him if he thinks it is of benefit.

I attach a draft below (To be sent by email). Can you give me your comments on it before I send to IMD here for their comments.

Dear Mr Cookson

Thank you for your emailed Freedom of Information request dated 20 February 2006. Requesting copies of correspondence and various other forms of communications between CoRWM members and press/PR companies and political lobbying companies.

I have been liaising with defra's Information Management Division and CoRWM's current Media Advisors - Luther Pendragon. Unfortunately the majority of the information you requested cannot be disclosed as it is held by our Media Advisors who are a private sub-contracted company, and any communication/s they hold with CoRWM Members that does not channel via the secretariat (defra) is held as confidential - between two private parties.

I can however disclose information that the secretariat does hold within defra. In this case most of the information is in the form of electronic press cuttings and press reports. I attach a sample below. If you would like to receive these I will gladly post/email them to you.

your sincerely

Sam Bains

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thanks

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