

REASONS FOR NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION

An exemption applies

An exemption(s) under section 38(1)(d) of FOISA applies to some of the information you have requested.

As a result, we have removed personal information from the documents that have been released as part of this response process.

This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

An exemption applies, subject to the public interest test

An exemption under section 30(b)(i) of FOISA applies to some of the information you have requested.

This exemption is applied to a free and frank exchange of opinions that are not linked to the response and therefore excluded from disclosure.

This exemption is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption.