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Our ref: RFI 9178
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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Defra and the Greyhound Board of Great Britain

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 19 July 2017. You requested copies of all emails between Defra and the Greyhound Board of Great Britain that discuss the methodology, format and timescale of the proposed retirement database, sent between 1 June 2015 and 18 July 2017. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I enclose a copy of the following information held by this Department:

- An email of 28 October 2015 from Minister George Eustice's Private Office to the Chief Executive of the Greyhound Board of Great Britain (GBGB) containing a letter of 23 October 2015 from Minister Eustice.
- An email of 2 November 2015 from the GBGB to Defra containing a letter of the same date from the Chairman of the GBGB to Minister Eustice.

Some parts of these documents contain personal data, which we have concluded should be withheld under section 40(2) and section 40(3)(a)(i) of the FOIA. Section 40(2) and section 40(3)(a)(i) of the FOIA provide that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if its disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). We consider that disclosure of these personal data is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 to the DPA, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data. Disclosure of this information would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data because the information relates to persons who are not in a public facing role and would not reasonably have expected their name to be made public. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA.

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We attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

We also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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