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Your ref: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Our ref: RFI 5845  
Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: copies of all papers, correspondence and documents that you have received and sent in the last 6 months in relation to our client, [REDACTED] and to the Studbook for Irish and European Sporthorses.**

Thank you for your request for information about "copies of all papers, correspondence and documents that you have received and sent in the last 6 months in relation to our client, [REDACTED] and to the Studbook for Irish and European Sporthorses", which we received on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Following careful consideration, we have decided not to disclose some of this information.

I enclose a copy of the information which can be disclosed:

- Copies of email chains between Defra & DARD officials and [REDACTED]; a letter from DARD to Defra dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Personal information has been withheld under Section 40(2) and redacted accordingly.

The remainder of the information requested is being withheld as it falls under the exemption in section 21 of the FOIA, which relates to information that is readily available to the applicant. Specifically these are two letters sent by you to Defra and DARD dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013; two letters sent by DARD to [REDACTED] dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010; and one letter sent by DARD to you dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

Therefore, we have concluded that, in all the circumstances of the case, the information should be withheld.



I can also confirm that we have not received any correspondence from iLaw solicitors of London in relation to your client [REDACTED] and the SIES.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

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

I 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

[REDACTED]

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## Annex A

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## Annex B

### Complaints

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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