

FOI Release
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Title: Copyright exceptions (2)

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Information request:

What email exchanges were held with representatives of the Publishers Association at any time during the last three months that discussed the proposed copyright exceptions?
As well as copies of these emails, I would like to obtain copies of any documents that were attached to them.

Information released:

A redacted copy of all the relevant information held by the IPO is attached. Please note that the information was located within several email chains which have been edited for clarity only, by the removal of duplicate messages where possible. Other than that, redaction has been limited to personal information.

That information is exempt under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as the information consists of the names of individuals, including junior officials, whose identities are not in the public domain, as well as some personal mobile and direct land line phone numbers of individuals.

Section 40(2) provides that personal data is exempt information if one of the conditions set out in section 40(3) is satisfied. Under the FOI Act disclosure of this information would breach the fair processing principle contained in the Data Protection Act (DPA), where it would be unfair to that person. This is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest.