

## **Digest of Information – FOI 0869-15**

### **1. E-mail from FCO Official to Jack Straw, 24/02/2015**

From: [s40 FCO Official]  
To: [s40] Jack Straw  
Date: 24/02/2015  
Subject: FCO FOI Request 0130-15 – Views sought

Dear Mr Straw,

I realise this may be a stressful issue for you, but I am writing regarding a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act received this month. The requestor has asked for correspondence during 2011 and 2012, between FCO ministers or officials and British MPs related to laws governing sugar production in Ukraine.

We have found some information including a letter written by you to the then Prime Minister of Ukraine and email exchanges with you from the period. I wonder if you have any views on this information that might help us with our decision making process? I will also inform E D & F Man of this request and seek their views.

Our current deadline for final response to the requestor is Tuesday 10 March.

Yours sincerely,

[s40 FCO Official]

[s40 FCO Official | Ukraine Team | Eastern Europe & Central Asia Directorate | Foreign & Commonwealth Office | London SW1A 2PA | [s40]

### **2. E-mail exchange between Jack Straw Representative and FCO Official, 24/02/2015**

From: [s40]  
To: [s40 FCO Official]  
Date: 24/02/2015  
Subject: FCO FOI Request 0130-15 – Views sought

Thank you very much [s40 – FCO Official], I really appreciate you letting me know.

On 24 February 2015 at 16:36, [s40 FCO Official] wrote:

[s40 Jack Straw Representative],

Brief visit arrangement administrative references to you by Mr Straw as his secretary in emails of 7 and 16 September 2011. You may still have them in your gmail account records.

At present I see no reason for your name or contact details to be released. As I mentioned earlier, Section 40 relating to the personal data of third parties would seem to be the most relevant here.

Regards,

[s40 FCO Official]

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**From:** [s40 Jack Straw Representative]  
**Sent:** 24 February 2015 16:02  
**To:** [s40 FCO Official]  
**Subject:** Re: FCO FOI Request 0130-15 : Views sought

Thanks so much. Am I entitled to know what the reference to me is? I assume it is all related to setting up Jack's visit. Obviously this is a matter solely for you but I would certainly rather not be named as it has not been any fun being part of this story!

Thanks [s40 FCO Official].

[s40 Jack Straw Representative]

On 24 February 2015 at 15:52, <[s40 FCO Official]> wrote:

Dear [s40 Jack Straw Representative],

[s40 Jack Straw Representative], yes you have one name check and your email address & telephone contact details are in some of the email chains of September 2011. This may be covered by the exemption provided by Section 40 (data protection) of the act.

Regards,

[s40 FCO Official]

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**From:** [s40 Jack Straw Representative]  
**Sent:** 24 February 2015 15:37  
**To:** [s40 FCO Official]  
**Subject:** Re: FW: FCO FOI Request 0130-15 : Views sought

Dear [s40 FCO Official],  
Can I just ask if I am named in any of it?

Best wishes,

[s40 Jack Straw Representative]

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**From:** [s40 FCO Official]  
**Sent:** 24 February 2015 13:30  
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### **3. E-mail from Jack Straw to FCO Official, 03/03/2015**

**From:** Jack Straw [s40]  
**To:** [s40 FCO Official]  
**CC:** [s40 Jack Straw Representative]  
**Date:** 03/03/2015  
**Subject:** FCO FOI Request 0130-15 – Views sought

Dear [s40 FCO Official]:

Many thanks for letting me know about this request - and apologies for the delay in acknowledging it.

I am consulting with E D & F Man about their response. I am drawing their attention in particular to the exemptions under section 43 (commercial interests) - though whether they wish to seek exemptions under this or any other provisions is obviously a matter for them, not me.

We will endeavour to meet your deadline of 10th March.

Yours. Jack Straw.