05 June 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI 0449-17

Thank you for your email of 05 May 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

"Please provide me with all correspondence and notes of meetings that you hold in relation to communication between the Hotel Business Federation of Mallorca and the British Embassy and its consulates in Spain in connection with British tourists suing from compensation for stomach infections while in Spain. Please limit to search to documents and communications with a date after 1.1.15."

Outcome of search

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search and confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Disclosure

Please find attached the information held to which you are entitled under the FOIA. Additionally the FCO holds some documents in Spanish. Once we have translations of these documents, we will assess and determine if you are entitled to receive them under FOIA. We will contact you again with regard to these additional documents.

We are withholding some information for the reasons set out below.

Withheld Information (Exemptions Applied)

Section 40 Personal information

The information found contained personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40 (2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data

should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, in our view, that would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

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