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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 10 April 2026 containing your request for information. The Government Legal Department ("GLD") have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act", "FOIA")

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information as held by your organisation:

- *Are staff within your organisation under a general instruction to use AI or Generative AI tools to assist your work?*

Staff in GLD are not under a general instruction to use AI or Generative AI tools but all who have been issued AI tools by the Department are encouraged to use them and to do so in accordance with our guidance.

- *Is your organisation currently using AI or Generative AI tools to assist your work?*

Over 500 of our staff have been given Microsoft 365 Copilot licences and many are using it frequently (weekly or more often). Much smaller numbers have access to other genAI tools.

- *Does your organisation use AI or Generative AI tools as part of its recruitment processes?*

No

- *Does your organisation have an AI strategy?*

GLD has an AI strategy, managed by our AI Programme Division.

- *If your organization does not have an AI strategy, is it planning to have an AI strategy?*

Not applicable.

If it appears that this request may exceed the cost limit under the Act, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can refine the request.

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a), GLD confirms that it **holds** the information you have requested. GLD responded below each of your questions, above.

Your Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask GLD for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted to GLD within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original correspondence. Please use the contact details provided at the top of this letter in order to request an internal review relating to your original request.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,

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