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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 12 August 2025 which contained your request for information. The Government Legal Department ("GLD") has processed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

Request

Please confirm whether the Government Legal Department holds any recorded information indicating that:

- 1. Any telephone calls, voice calls (including VoIP or internet-based), or other live audio communications to or from [REDACTED] have been monitored, intercepted, recorded, or otherwise surveilled, whether directly or via another agency; and/or*
- 2. Any request, instruction, or authorisation has been made to monitor, intercept, or record such calls, including but not limited to requests made to law enforcement, intelligence, or regulatory bodies.*

If the answer to (1) or (2) is "yes", please provide:

- The date(s) and method(s) of monitoring;*
- The agency or department responsible; and*
- Any authorising instrument (e.g., warrant, order, authorisation).*

Response

The Government Legal Department (GLD) can neither confirm nor deny whether it holds the information you have requested. This is because, pursuant to Section 40(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the information, if held, would constitute the personal data of the applicant.

To confirm or deny whether such information is held would itself involve the disclosure of personal data and would contravene the data protection principles set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Disclosures under the Freedom of Information Act are made to the public at large, and GLD does not have a lawful basis to process or disclose such personal data for the purposes of this request.

Your Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted 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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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www.ICO.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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