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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 29th May 2025 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

I would like to request the following information:

1. Copies of letters received from the PCS union or its official representatives from 04 July 2024 to the present date.
2. Copies of your replies to those letters, where applicable.

Response

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Pursuant to section 1(1)(a) of the Act, GLD informs you that it holds the information you have requested, but we have estimated that cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate cost limit, set at £600 for Central Government. This means compliance with your request would require more than 24 hours work, at the flat rate of £25 per hour, per person. This rateable value is applied to determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Section 12 of the Act makes clear that a public authority (such as the GLD) is not obliged to comply with if the authority estimates the cost of complying with the request would exceed the 'appropriate limit'.

In accordance with section 16 of the Act, GLD has a duty to provide advice and assistance. If you are able to clarify the request by including information on the topics to search, GLD may be able to consider your request further and advise whether your refined request falls within the appropriate limit.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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