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Date  
1 October 2024

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Post Office  
100 Wood Street  
London EC2V 9ER

Your Ref:

**Classification:**  
Public

Dear [Redacted],

## Freedom of Information Request – FOI2024/01235

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited (“**Post Office**”) on 3 September, which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“**FOIA**”).

In your email you have requested the information shown verbatim in bold below:

**“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:**

**- Any correspondence or meetings with the keywords "Blair" and "Mandelson". This should be taken to include any emails, letters and messages in any format, and refined to emails if necessary due to the cost/time limit.**

**Please limit the above searches to the period 2002 to 2010.**

**In the event that you exercise an exemption on any of the above data, please could you supply me with the scheduled dates of the correspondence and/or of the meetings.**

**There is a clear legitimate public interest in this disclosure. Blair was Prime Minister and Mandelson held a senior role while Fujitsu's Horizon has been at the centre of prosecutions based on faulty data.”**

We can confirm that Post Office does hold the information you have requested.

We conducted an electronic search for all correspondence including both of the words “Blair” and “Mandelson” between the years 2002 to 2010. After a manual review, please see attached the information within scope of your request, titled “FOIA Response\_FOI2024\_01235\_Press cuttings\_Redacted.pdf”.

We have redacted some information in the document under sections 40(2) and 40(3A) of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to other persons. These sections exempt personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data because the information relates to junior employees who would not reasonably expect their names, roles and contact details to be disclosed in relation to this request for information.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of this response, you do have a right to request an internal review. You can do this by writing to the address above within 40 working days of receipt of this response stating your reasons for your internal review request or alternatively, by emailing [information.rights@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:information.rights@postoffice.co.uk).

If, having requested an internal review by Post Office, you are still not satisfied with our response you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
[www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints)

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Team

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