



Freedom of Information Officer
Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland
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Our reference FOI141210/19

RE: Request for information in relation to contact with Government.

██████████,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request submitted via email to Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland on 14 December 2010 in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our understanding of the information requested is as follows:

- All documents - including emails - submitted by Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) to central government departments and/or government ministers, as part of the Coalition Government's Comprehensive Spending Review since 12 May 2010. This would include any letters, briefings or option papers prepared by CJI outlining the impact that changes and/or reductions to its budget(s) may have on the service(s) you deliver.
- All documents - including emails - submitted by CJI to central government departments or government ministers, as part of the Coalition Government's Public Bodies Review since 12 May 2010. This would also include any letters, briefings or option papers prepared by CJI outlining the impact that reform or abolition would have on the services you deliver.
- Any revised business, explanatory papers, options papers or letters submitted by CJI (including electronic communications) to central government departments or government ministers to accommodate changes to CJI's budgets following this year's Comprehensive Spending Review.

- Any revised business, explanatory papers, options papers or letters submitted by CJI (including electronic communications) to central government departments or government ministers to accommodate changes to CJI's structure following this year's Public Bodies Review.
- Any further correspondence (i) received by CJI directly from ministers, or their offices, and (ii) sent to ministers, or their offices, regarding the affect of the (A) Comprehensive Spending Review and (B) Public Bodies Review on CJI since 12 May 2010. This would also include any written or electronic correspondence that details the process CJI should follow in order to make such submissions to these reviews.

In answer to your request for information, I can confirm that the following information is being released which relates to the period 12 May 2010 to 14 December 2010 when your Fol request was received. Relevant documentation is included with this letter.

Please note that as from 12 April 2010, CJI's sponsoring department has been the Department of Justice for Northern Ireland (DoJ) which is a department within the Northern Ireland Executive under the control of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

As such from this date, CJI has reported to the Minister of Justice for Northern Ireland instead of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Question 1

In response to a previous Fol request which CJI received from you on 6 October 2010, CJI provided a document outlining its submission made to its sponsoring department the Department of Justice in relation to the Comprehensive Spending Review. I would refer you to this as the most current information in response to this question.

Question 2

CJI has not made any submissions to central government departments or government ministers, as part of the Coalition Government's Public Bodies Review since 12 May 2010.

Question 3

CJI has not submitted any business, explanatory papers, options papers or letters in addition to the information described in response to question 1 to accommodate changes to CJI's budgets following this year's Comprehensive Spending Review.

Question 4

CJI has not submitted any revised business, explanatory papers, options papers or letters submitted by CJI (including electronic communications) to central government departments or government ministers, to accommodate changes to CJI's structure as part of the Coalition Government's Public Bodies Review.

Question 5

In the timeframe described, 12 May to 14 December 2010, CJI has received no information directly from Ministers in relation to the Comprehensive Spending Review.

In this period CJI has received some information from their offices in relation to the Comprehensive Spending Review. This information is attached. Please note, information which would contravene the Data Protection Act by disclosing personal details has been removed. No information was received from Ministers or their offices regarding the Public Bodies Review.

I hope this response satisfies your request.

Should the information contained in this letter not satisfy your request for information, you should contact in the first instance CJI's Freedom of Information Officer. Their address is Freedom of Information Officer, Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland, 6th Floor, 14 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7BA or email info@cjini.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. McGuigan', is positioned above the typed name.

Brendan McGuigan
Chief Executive
Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland