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**PMO reference: PM/22/006**  
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Good afternoon Ji

We refer to your correspondence below requesting further information from the Office of the Prime Minister in relation to MR22/01812 (PMO ref: PM/22/006). The Department provides below information on behalf of the Office.

The **s 55G decision of 9 August 2023** and the decision-maker's **submissions of 24 January 2024** set out the comprehensive searches that were undertaken in response to the applicant's request. These documents are **attached** for reference.

In particular, the submissions outlined that the advisers with responsibility for the relevant subject-matter area in the Office, and who would reasonably have been aware of the existence of such documents if they existed, were:

1. asked to search for responsive documents wherever they might be stored;
2. in fact provided responsive documents that they had identified by their searches (noting the two documents identified were released to the applicant subject to exemptions under the FOI Act); and
3. confirmed to the decision-maker they were not aware of any further communications on the subject of the request (noting that, in relation to paragraph 1(a) of your request for further information, this includes any communications with the Prime Minister).

Furthermore, the operating environment of the Office is such that only a small number of staff exist with direct responsibility for the subject matter relevant to the scope of the request.

The relevant advisers who would have knowledge and awareness the subject-matter of the request were readily identifiable, and there would be no further benefit in extending the search request to

others who are unlikely to have any awareness of the requested documents. As the searches conducted covered all relevant persons and systems within the Office, there is no reasonable basis for further searches to be undertaken.

The Office confirms that a copy of this correspondence can be shared with the applicant.

Kind regards

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