

ANNEX A

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Request

I hereby request any documentation in the possession of NICS that relates to parliamentary privilege under FoI.

Clarification on request received on 16 December –

You have asked me to specify any time frame for which your request refers to. With a view to trimming this down as far as my purposes allow, what I am after is “Any guidance or instructions from UK Parliamentary authorities (including Select Committees or the Speaker of the House of Commons) to your Department, the Civil Service or devolved administration about the implications of UK Parliamentary Privilege for the recipients. I want only material communicated in 2021 or 2022 unless there is no such material in which case, I want the most recent guidance or instructions”.

Response

I can confirm the department holds information relevant to your request.

Two documents have been identified. These are attached separately with this email response as Annex B and Annex C.

Some of the information contained within one of the documents has been redacted under Section 40(2). Having considered all of the information contained within the lawful, fairness and transparency test, the Department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third party personal data falling within the scope of the request of which the requester is not the data subject.

The lawfulness and fairness test is attached at Annex D