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Dear Mr Tyrie,

### **Request for Information regarding flights into Diego Garcia between 1 September 2001 and 31 December 2008**

Further to my letter of 22 September, acknowledging receipt of your request for all records held by the Department for Transport of any aircraft landing in the British Indian Ocean Territory between 1 September 2001 and 31 December 2008, I apologise for the delay in responding.

Unfortunately, due to the nature of the qualified exemption under section 27(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it has been necessary to seek the views of another Government Department and I still await a substantive response. It is therefore necessary for me to extend our response time by a further 20 working days in order to receive the outstanding views and assess whether the public interest is in withholding the information or disclosing it. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by 17 November. If there is a need for any further delay I will keep you informed.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/04  
Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: [FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

David Shephard

## **Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

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  
SK9 5AF