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Dear Ms Cann,

Your Freedom Of Information Request: 0536-18

Thank you for your latest request for information which we received on 8 May 2018. In your request you asked:

"Could I request a list of the lobby meetings (with representatives of companies, organisations and other stakeholders) held by the Permanent Representative and his Deputy in the past 6 months? As before, I would like to request a list of these meetings: who was present at the meeting, including the names of organisations/ lobbyists presents, as well as the date of the meeting, and the subject matter discussed".

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request. However, we are considering several specific exemptions in relation to your request, including section 27: international relations.

The Freedom of Information Act obliges us to respond to requests promptly and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test is engaged, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days, and a full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case. We do, of course, aim to make all decisions within 20 working days, including in cases where we need to consider where the public interest lies in respect of a request for exempt information. In this case, however, we have not yet reached a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies.

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Please contact me if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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