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Reference: CR17931

Dear Mr Crooke,

I am writing further to our e-mail of 7 March about your request for details of the information that was provided by the Home Office for the Prime Minister to respond to a question on legalising cannabis in an interview broadcast by Al Jazeera on 25 February, or any reports on the dangers of cannabis to substantiate his answer. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In dealing with the first part of your request, we have carried out a thorough search and I have established that the Home Office does not hold the information requested. The format of the interview which is the subject of your request allowed for questions to be asked 'live', by text or online, about any area of the Government's business. I have made enquiries from all relevant colleagues and searched our filing systems for any documents, records, or any trace of communication, but have found none suggesting that the Department provided information for the purpose of the interview.

You have also requested for any reports on the dangers of cannabis held by the Department. We believe that this information is already reasonably accessible to you in the form of reports published by the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs on the Home Office website at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/drugs/acmd/>.

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts the Home Office from having to provide you with this information, because it is already in the public domain. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source which I have indicated, please contact me again.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint

within two months to the address below, quoting reference CR 17931. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cyrille Marcel', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Cyrille Marcel
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