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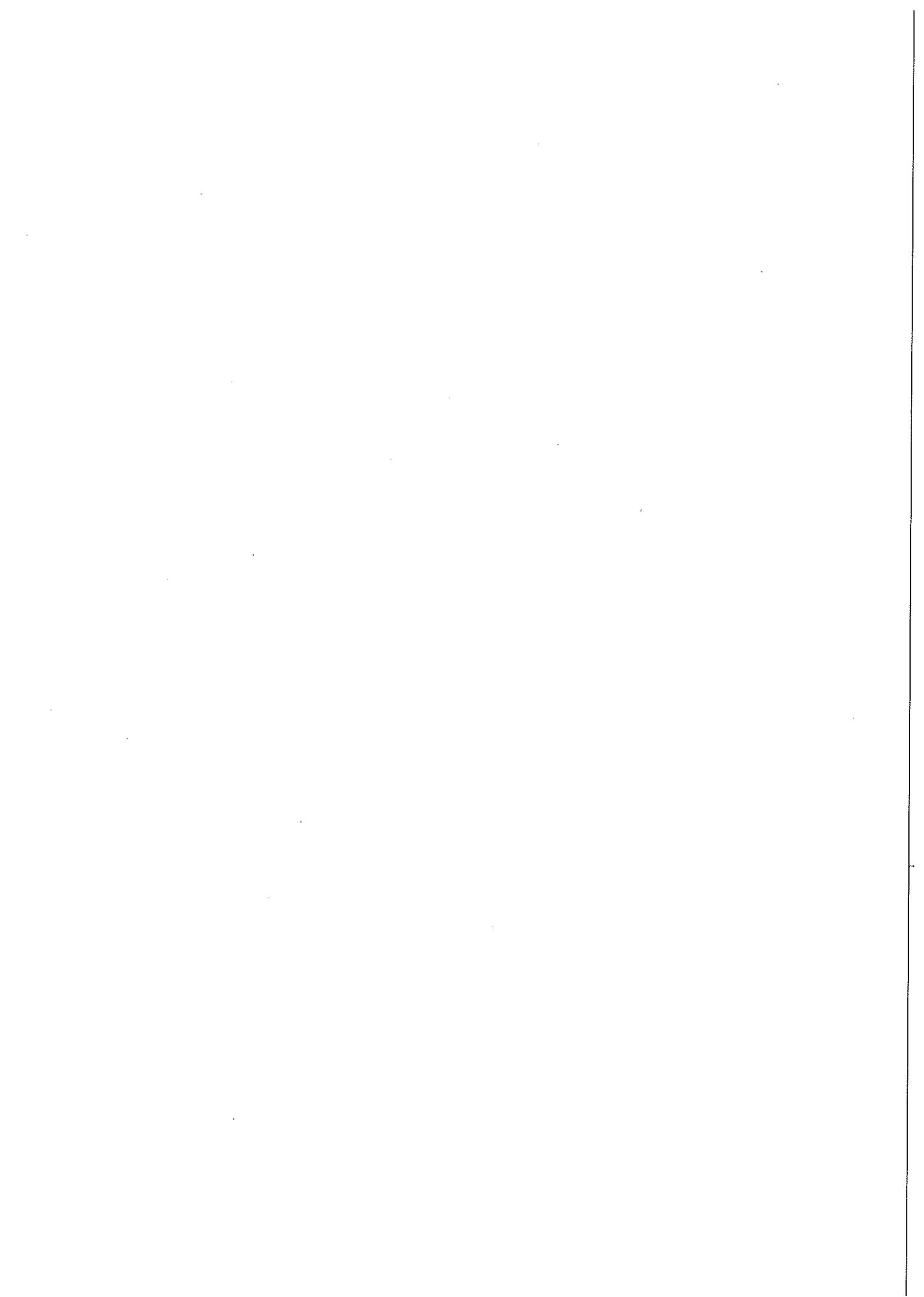
Please see attached letter. Grateful for a response before Monday 17 July please.

Many thanks
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James Westhead
Teach First

Ar faidhle/Our ref: FOI/17/01247

12 July 2017

Dear James

The Scottish Government received a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

1. Records of any meetings between representatives of the Scottish government and representatives of Teach First
2. Documentation associated with any meetings between representatives of the Scottish government and representatives of Teach First, including minutes (if no minutes or other documents exist please make this clear)
3. Full details of any communication between representatives of the Scottish government and representatives of Teach First (including copies of written correspondence and records of telephone calls)
4. Full details of, and associated documentation for, any Scottish government meetings or events to which Teach First representatives have been invited

You have an interest in the information which we are now planning to release because several of the documents identified as being within the scope of this request relate to: proposals being developed by Teach First (including timelines); conversations/meetings/correspondence between Teach First and government officials or Ministers; research conducted by Manchester University on behalf of Teach First; and discussions between Teach First, GTCS and others regarding potential partnerships. Therefore, I am writing to ask you for your views on whether this information should be disclosed before we make a decision on the request. Please note that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, and you do not have a veto on disclosure of the information. Under the terms of FOISA, the decision on whether or not to release the information is for the Scottish Government alone. However, we will take account of your views.



I should also explain that we can withhold information only if an exemption under FOISA applies to that information and, where applicable, the public interest in disclosure is not outweighed by the public interest in upholding the exemption. You can find detailed information about FOISA on our website at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/about/foi> or on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowl edge.info/home/ScottishInformationCommissioner.asp>

In order to ensure that we meet our statutory duty to respond to the request within 20 working days of receiving it, I must ask for your views by Monday 17 July.

Yours sincerely

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