

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Tynte-Irvine C (Claire); [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI for ID Team (FOI 2018/00490)
Date: 14 March 2018 15:50:44
Attachments: QbiRef.ohr
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Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Again thanks to you guys for helping us out during this particularly busy time for our team. This one we are treating as an EIR rather than an FOI (agreed with FOI Unit) – still same system but timings different (longer): **due on 11 April**.

This is one of our FOIs:

It started as a broad question – and is logged on the FOI tracker <http://s0842a/foitracker/Index.aspx> per screen grab below:

And is all in this FOI file

Narrowing down of the scope:

[REDACTED] then went back and asked the FOI'r Mr [REDACTED] to narrow the scope of his request as it would cover all and everything that SG has ever filed on SG. Mr [REDACTED] responded by clarifying that:

I am especially interested in international development work and funding that has been given for this purpose. The current issues with Oxfam go back to programmes in and around 2006, so I would like details of funding going back to this period. I appreciate copies of correspondence etc would be difficult to retrieve for this entire time period but key documents (e.g. grant confirmations, or letters with details of grant given) would suffice.

Very specifically I am requesting in point (4) below for information relating to the Scottish Government's response to the current Oxfam situation, so I would hope this would include a broader range of documents, particularly since this only refers to the last few weeks, ie:

- Details of briefings, emails or notes of meetings by Scottish Government Ministers or officials relating to Oxfam, including correspondence with Oxfam by Scottish Government Ministers or officials, since the investigation into Oxfam's project in Haiti was published in the Times newspaper on 9th February 2018.

What the ID Team has done to date:

- Narrowed the scope of the request
- Collated in all relevant documents, and redacted most of them, these are all in the erdm file and marked redacted

What is now to be done

1. Redact the documents not yet done – not a huge number - those below in the zip folder that [REDACTED] has provided – where she says “had to file the zip file in eRDM. These documents are the ones I've identified as being in scope. These documents have still to be redacted and the PDF documents highlighted and sent with the others to [REDACTED] in the Scanning Unit”. (the scanning unit can help)
2. Proofread/look with a fresh eye at what has already been redacted and just make sure nothing else.
3. Prepare schedule of documents, then put everything up to spads and comms (its Comms who ultimately issue). Have a good read of the guidance as you go along.
<http://sgsharepoint/sites/freedomofinformation/FOI/IR%20Wiki/Press%20releases%20and%20handling%20strategies.aspx>
4. Also need Ministerial clearance to issue.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FoI/18/00490 - Oxfam Information Feb 2017
Date: 06 June 2018 16:00:34

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2018 14:37
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Tynte-Irvine C (Claire); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI/18/00490 - Oxfam Information Feb 2017

Thanks [REDACTED],

I get in touch with [REDACTED] as suggested.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2018 14:29
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Tynte-Irvine C (Claire); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI/18/00490 - Oxfam Information Feb 2017

Hi [REDACTED]

Our team deals with charity regulation/OSCR rather than individual charities so we haven't had any direct correspondence with Oxfam. Given their focus on ending poverty I wonder if it is worth speaking to colleagues who lead on poverty to see if they have a relationship with Oxfam and the work they do in the UK – [REDACTED] team might be able to help?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Charity Law and Volunteering Team
Third Sector Unit
0131 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2018 14:12
To: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED], on behalf of [FoI SpAds PO](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI 18/00490 - [REDACTED] - correspondence in relation to Oxfam projects
Date: 19 April 2018 16:05:42

[REDACTED],

SpAds hope to get back to me tomorrow on this.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to the Special Advisers' Office

[REDACTED]

St. Andrew's House

(0131 [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 April 2018 10:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FoI 18/00490 - [REDACTED] - correspondence in relation to Oxfam projects

Good morning [REDACTED],

Would you be able to provide me with an update on when we might expect to get clearance from SpAds on the Oxfam FoI?

I'm just conscious that it will need to get clearance from ministers as well and would like to get it to them by tomorrow if possible.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [Strang F \(Frank\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [Tynte-Irvine C \(Claire\)](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI 18/00490 - [REDACTED] - correspondence in relation to Oxfam projects - FOR CLEARANCE
Date: 16 April 2018 15:41:34

thanks [REDACTED]

2 wee queries

1 do I take it from this that we have done all we can – i.e. it's formally with Spads with, "I"s dotted etc?

2 any point in my ringing [REDACTED] ? Or is it a v firm no?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 April 2018 15:37
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [Tynte-Irvine C \(Claire\)](#); [Strang F \(Frank\)](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI 18/00490 - [REDACTED] - correspondence in relation to Oxfam projects - FOR CLEARANCE

Hi all,

I managed to talk to [REDACTED] in the SpAds PO office just now. Unfortunately he said they will not be able to get this cleared today.

I asked how long it might take and he informed me it may be a few days but will try to get it done for this week.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 April 2018 13:10

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI 18/00490 - [REDACTED] - correspondence in relation to Oxfam projects - FOR CLEARANCE

Hi [REDACTED],

Can you let me know if there has been a discussion if this FoI requires ministerial clearance?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: Tynte-Irvine C (Claire)
Sent: 11 April 2018 12:53
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FoI 18/00490 - [REDACTED] - correspondence in relation to Oxfam projects - FOR CLEARANCE

Thanks [REDACTED].

Can you please therefore (1) go back to SpAds urgently (asap today) to confirm this, with the revised material for release and requesting their urgent clearance? Please note that Katy as the relevant SpAd is in China, so someone else will need to look at this. Please apologise to them for the fact that we have been over a week coming back to them on this. They need to clear by the end of tomorrow at the latest to allow us time to get to the Minister for clearance.

Has a judgement been taken about whether this will require ministerial clearance? I'm afraid given the reference to the Oxfam scandal it probably does. So this really needs to go in the minister's weekend box at the latest for urgent clearance. Can you (2) check if Dr Allan is taking one this weekend as he is currently on leave.

Can you also (3) follow up with SpAds PO to bottom out the confusion about how to redact PDFs, engaging FOI Unit urgently as necessary? I don't think this technical question should now be holding up their consideration of the substance though.

Finally can you (4) send me the original email you send to SpAds PO as I would also like to see the material.

Thank you!

Claire

From: Tynte-Irvine C (Claire)
Sent: 11 April 2018 12:24
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FoI 18/00490 - [REDACTED] - correspondence in relation to Oxfam projects - FOR CLEARANCE

[REDACTED],

Is there any update on this – I am anxious that we do not miss the deadline for issue and [REDACTED] is now very heavily engaged in the forthcoming visit by the President of Malawi.

Many thanks again for taking this on,

Claire

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