

Dear Mr Lister,

Thank you for two letters today and your apologies are accepted.

There is just one point I would make with reference to your first letter, where you said:

"...further to your previous e-mail of 19<sup>th</sup> March, in which you requested access to information about a meeting between the Home Secretary and the parents of Madeleine McCann".

I appreciate that you have referred elsewhere in the letter to all my 12 questions; however, for the record, I would have been more comfortable if you had written:

"...further to your previous e-mail of 19<sup>th</sup> March, in which you requested access to information about a meeting between the Home Secretary and the parents of Madeleine McCann **and various other related matters**".

The only other observation I would make at this point is that there is no ongoing criminal investigation into the disappearance of Madeleine McCann. The discussion in the press the past few weeks has been about meetings between the McCann's and various staff of the Home Office, plans to hold a review, and plans to hold a 'scoping exercise', plus of course the reported referral by the Home Office of this matter to West Yorkshire Police. Thus those sections of the Act which relate to restrictions on disclosure when there is an ongoing investigation, or where questions concern a completed or suspended investigation, do not apply as my request is dealing with new matters which involve the Home Office and do not touch upon any current or past criminal investigation.

Yours sincerely

Tony Bennett  
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