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14 May 2024

Dear [Redacted],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00353

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 6 March in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Under FOIA, please share emails between your CEO and the UKRI Board related to her decision to not seek re-appointment in 2025 and/or her resignation before then. Search for the past 5 months, until today (06-03-24)

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) do not hold any information relevant to your request.

Searches were conducted for emails between the UKRI email account of Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser and the UKRI Board Secretariat, with the key words of “reappointment” OR “resignation”, between the dates of 6 October 2023 and 6 March 2024. No results relevant to Professor Leyser’s decision not to seek reappointment were returned.

We also enquired directly with the CEO Office, who confirmed that no correspondence within scope of your request is held.

To provide additional context, Professor Leyser was appointed UKRI CEO on a fixed term, five-year secondment from the University of Cambridge which comes to an end in June 2025. Therefore, she will neither be resigning nor stepping down from her position as CEO.

Given this context and the above searches conducted, we reasonably conclude that no information is held that falls within scope of your request.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI’s complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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