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**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00020**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 22 January 2020 in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*"Would it be possible to request PDF copies of the UKRI Board meeting minutes for the second half of 2019? Currently only the Council minutes to July 2019 are available on UKRI's website."*

**Our response**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request.

The board meeting minutes are scheduled to be published by the end of February 2020 and will be found on the below link:

<https://www.ukri.org/about-us/governance-and-structure/uk-research-and-innovation-board/>

As the information you have requested is intended for future publication, we are exempting it from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA. Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

UKRI understand that being transparent in regard to board meeting minutes is in the public interest. However, the data is currently being prepared for public disclosure on the UKRI website and will be available very shortly.

We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure.

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:

Head of Information Governance

Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto:foi@ukri.org) or [infogovernance@ukri.org](mailto:infogovernance@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: <http://www.ico.gov.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,

[Redacted Signature]

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