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(by email)

Department:
Corporate Management Team
Our ref: MGLA251116-4547

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Dear ██████████

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information which was received by the Greater London Authority on 25th November 2016.

Our response to your request is as follows:

Under the FOI, please can you let me know how many people work in the Communications team? Under the FOI how many of these are Black? Under the FOI how many are Asian ?

There are 17 people in total employed in the GLA Communications teams in both the Mayor's Press Office and the Assembly Secretariat.

There are two BAME staff. Please note that information relating to further breakdown of the BAME stats is exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific employees and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by s.1 (1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 to mean data which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data.

It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle which states that "Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and, in particular, shall not be processed unless -

(a) at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 is met, and

(b) in the case of sensitive personal data, at least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 is also met."

It is considered that none of the conditions allow the processing of the information apply in this case as the subjects have not consented to the use of their data for an alternative purpose (namely disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act).

Yours sincerely

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