

HOUSE OF LORDS
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Ref: HOLAC FOI 2025/11
23 July 2025

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request, which the House of Lords Appointments Commission (HOLAC) received on 16 July 2025.

You asked:

I write pursuant The Freedom of Information Act to request from you copies you may have of the items listed below, where they support my suitability for a peerage. This is for the period between September 2019 and 22nd December 2020. The latter date being the date of announcement of my peerage.

1. Any correspondence / emails whether formal references or of a general nature and whether internal or external from any individual, body or institution.

2. Any minutes of HOLAC or sub - committee.

3. Any notes of meetings or discussions, not being formal minutes.

4. Any press reports or clippings circulated (and the circulator's details),by or to HOLAC members which comment on myself. Even if the reports or clippings predate September 2019.

As stated in our response to your previous request, the Commission is responsible for the vetting for propriety of all nominations to the House of Lords, which does not include considerations of suitability for political appointments.

As this request asks for any documents that support your suitability for a peerage, there is one document in scope, which is a letter from Prime Minister Boris Johnson that was subsequently published on gov.uk [here](#). This information is therefore exempt under Section 21(1), which does not require the disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may write to the Secretary to the Commission to ask for an internal review by another person not involved with this request. Please note that we will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by HOLAC.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,

Secretariat to the House of Lords Appointments Commission