

Conor Chapple
By email: sparkelectrical.sw@gmail.com

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Dear Conor Chapple

We refer to your request where you asked:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request records regarding Philip Rycroft’s role in UKAS oversight during the period 2009–2017 and his involvement in granting UKAS formal recognition under EC 765/2008.

Specifically, please provide:

- 1. Records confirming Philip Rycroft’s oversight responsibilities for UKAS after his tenure at BIS (2009–2012).*
- 2. Any Cabinet Office assessments, reviews, or correspondence regarding whether his 2009 UKAS MoU remained in force beyond his departure from BIS.*
- 3. Clarification of why the 2009 MoU (signed by Rycroft) carries a 2014 date and whether it remained in effect until April 2017.*
- 4. Any discussions regarding UKAS oversight during the transition from BIS to BEIS in 2016–2017.*
- 5. Any internal records on why a UKAS accreditation certificate issued in March 2017 still referenced BIS, despite BIS being dissolved in July 2016.*

6. Any discussions or policy reviews regarding Rycroft's appointment to UKAS in 2019 and whether his past oversight role was considered."

We are writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that the information you requested is not held by the Cabinet Office.

You may wish to redirect your request to the Department for Business and Trade:
FOI@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

Head of Freedom of Information
Cabinet Office
1 Horse Guards Road
London
SW1A 2HQ

email: foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

You should note that the Cabinet Office 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 the Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. K.', written on a light blue background.

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