



Tribunals Service

Information Rights

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL TO THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL
(INFORMATION RIGHTS)**

EA/2010/0100

BETWEEN:

DR SUSAN WILLIAMS

Appellant

And

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Respondent

Determined on the Papers by

Alison McKenna, Tribunal Judge

Alison Lowton, Tribunal Member

Vivian Bown, Tribunal Member

Heard on: 8 October 2010

Date of Decision: 18 October 2010

Subject matter: Freedom of Information Act 2000, section 27(1)(a)
Qualified Exemption
Public Interest
International Relations

DECISION NOTICE

UPON READING the written representations of both parties in which they indicated their consent

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Appeal is allowed by unanimous decision of the Tribunal.
2. That paragraph 68 of the Commissioner's decision notice reference FS50252765 dated 22 April 2010 be varied to read as follows:-

“No steps to be taken on the ground that the information was, at the time of the request, already in the public domain”.

3. An appeal against this decision may be submitted to the Upper Tribunal. A person seeking permission to appeal must make a written application to the Tribunal for permission to appeal within 28 days of the receipt of this decision. Such an application must identify the error or errors of law in the decision and state the result the party is seeking. Relevant forms and guidance for making an application can be found on the Tribunal's website at www.informationtribunal.gov.uk.

Signed:

**Alison McKenna
Tribunal Judge**

Dated: 18 October 2010