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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

Thank you for your enquiry, received on 31 July 2020.

Your request:

Could we please receive a breakdown by ethnicity of

- a) your chair / all of your chairs (if your organisation has multiple chairpersons)
- b) all of your board members.

Our response:

- a) Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulations and section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. In this case, we believe disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that processing of personal data is lawful and fair. We have considered the legitimate interests of all parties in disclosure of this information and have found that on balance there is not an overriding legitimate interest in disclosure that outweighs the reasonable expectations of privacy of the individual concerned.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and the Committee on Climate Change is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

- b) The information you requested is being withheld under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because the numbers in one or more categories are fewer than five. We cannot provide details where the numbers are fewer than five as the individuals concerned in this group or in other groups could be identifiable. This is the standard approach to statistical reporting.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

In keeping with our transparency policy, the information released to you will be published on www.theccc.org.uk. Please note that this publication will not include your personal data.

Kind regards,

Committee on Climate Change