Please read the Introduction – See Introduction.

Section 28: Meetings of the Government

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| 28 (all subsections) | • Please state clearly which **subsection and (where relevant) paragraph** of section 28 is being relied on for the refusal to grant access to each record, e.g. 28(1)(a), 28(1)(b), 28(1)(c), or 28(2).  
  • If you are relying on the definition of “Government” at section 28(6) for the purpose of applying this exemption, provide the information sought at section 28(6) below. |
| 28(1)(a) | • Please show that the record has been, or is/was proposed to be, **submitted to the Government for its consideration**.  
  • If it is not evident from the record, show that the record has been, or is/was proposed to be, submitted by **a Minister of the Government or the Attorney General**.  
  • Show that record was created for the purpose of submission to the Government for their consideration?  
  • Was the record, or any part of it (including any Appendices), created for any other purpose? If so, provide details.  
  • Please also provide the information sought at 28(3) below. |
| 28(1)(b) | • Please show that the record is a record of the Government.  
  • Show that it is not a record by which a decision of the Government is published to the general public by or on behalf of the Government.  
  • Please also provide the information sought at 28(3) below. |
| 28(1)(c) | • If it is not evident from the record, please identify who the information in the record is for.  
  • Show that the information is/was for use by that person **solely** for the purpose of the transaction of any business of the Government at a meeting of the Government.  
  • Please also provide the information sought at 28(3) below. |
| 28(2) | • Does the record contain the whole or part of a statement made at a meeting of the Government?
  o If so, please identify the details of the statement concerned and, if not evident from the record, show that it was a statement made at such a meeting.

• Does the record contain information that reveals, or from which may be inferred, the substance of the whole or part of such a statement?
  o If so, identify the information concerned and explain how the substance of the statement (or part of the statement) could be revealed or inferred.
  o Also, if not evident from the record, show that the statement concerned was made at a meeting of the Government.

• Show that the record is not a record by which a decision of the Government is published to the general public by or on behalf of the Government.

• Show that the record is not a record referred to in paragraph (a) or (c) of section 28(1).

| 28(3) | • Does the record contain factual information relating to a decision of the Government that has been published to the general public? If so, has the factual information been identified and released? If the factual information has not been released, explain the reasons for this.

• Does the record relate to a decision of Government made more than 5 years before receipt of the request? If so, why has section 28(1) been applied?

| 28(5) | To be asked only where subsection (5) has been relied on.
  • Please ensure that the information sought in relation to the application of section 28(1)(a) or 28(1)(b) or 28(1)(c) above, as appropriate, has been provided.

  • Explain clearly how disclosure of the existence or non-existence of the record (as opposed to disclosure of the actual contents of the record) would be contrary to the public interest.

| 28(6) | If, in referring to the “Government” for the purpose of this exemption, you are including a committee of the Government, please -

  - show that it is a committee appointed by the Government, and
  - provide details of the membership of the committee.