

Mr F Fawehinmi



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Your Ref:

28 November 2011

Dear Mr Fawehinmi

**INFORMATION REQUEST: CASE REFERENCE F0008351 (formerly P0008314)**

Thank you for your request of 11 November 2011. You requested a copy of the most recent Bilateral Air Services Agreement between the UK and Federal Republic of Nigeria, showing all terms, flight slots and everything else agreed by both countries.

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the current UK/Nigeria Air Services Agreement, which dates from 25 March 1988. This is complemented by the Memoranda of Understandings of 27 September 2005, 29 November 2006 and 26 March 2008, which are also enclosed.

Please note that the lists of the delegations – referred to as Annex A of the attached Memoranda of Understandings – have been withheld in order to preserve the rights of the individuals concerned, in accordance with Section 40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Department does not hold information on slots at airports as slots do not form any part of bilateral air services agreements. Their allocation is undertaken by an independent company, Airport Coordination Limited, entirely independent of government. Details can be found at <http://www.acl-uk.org/>. (Please note that Airport Co-Ordination Limited is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act.)

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. A copy of this response and the information provided may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/04  
Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number F0008351 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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## **Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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