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Subject: Re: Request for Information

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Date: Wed, October 30, 2013 8:58 am

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Dear Ms. Medland,

Reference is made to your email hereunder and to the attached form which you have filled in. Kindly note that Footnote 1 of the Form stipulates that a copy of the ID card or residence permit of the person making the request is to be provided. From our records it transpires that this document has not yet been provided.

This document is required to prove that the person making the FOI request is an eligible person by being ***"a person who is resident in Malta and who has been so resident in Malta for a period of at least five years ..."***

Regards,

Nathalie Attard

Dear Ms. Medland,

Reference is made to your request hereunder addressed to the Department of Information. Following internal consultations with this Ministry, we would like to draw your attention to the definition of 'eligible person' in the Freedom of Information Act, namely:

"eligible person" means a person who is resident in Malta and who has been so resident in Malta for a period of at least five years, and who is either a citizen of Malta or a citizen of any other Member State of the European Union or a citizen of any other state the citizens of which have a right, in virtue of any treaty between such state and the European Union, to be treated in Malta in the same manner as citizens of Member States of the European Union..."

and to Article 3 of the said Act, namely:

"Any eligible person has a right of access to documents held by public authorities in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Act."

It would be appreciated if you could declare whether you are an 'eligible person' in terms of the Act, as indicated in Subsidiary Legislation 496.03.

Regards,

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