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By email

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Dear Mr Frankel,

**INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION:
CALL FOR EVIDENCE**

Thank you for your letter of 27 October in which you raise concerns about the Commission's statement that it will anonymise contributions if they are quoted.

The statement in question is intended to ensure that the personal data of individual contributors is treated appropriately.

But having considered your letter, we have concluded that the sentence is unnecessary and we will remove it. The Commission intends to publish the evidence it receives, except where the contributor asks for anonymity and it is appropriate in the circumstances to grant it.

I hope this provides the reassurance you are seeking. I am happy for this reply to be published, if you wish to do so.

I look forward to meeting you as arranged on the 29th October.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Burns', with a horizontal line underneath.

TERRY BURNS