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By email
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Dear Permanent Secretary,

Subject: Lifting of moratorium on records destruction for the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)

In June 2015, IICSA wrote to the Cabinet Secretary, placing a moratorium on destruction of records relevant to this Inquiry's terms of reference, pursuant to s35 of the Inquiries Act 2005.

I am writing to you today on behalf of Professor Alexis Jay, the Chair of the Inquiry, regarding the lifting of the moratorium.

With the publication of the Inquiry's Final Report on 20th October 2022, central government departments and their arms length bodies can now resume disposal of records that have been retained for IICSA, in line with their retention schedules. Although the Inquiry will not formally close until early 2023, there is no intention to make further requests for documents.

In doing so, however, the Inquiry asks that departments consider the following when drawing up disposal plans:

- a) If any of the records you have retained for IICSA are likely to be of significant personal interest to victims and survivors, update retention schedules to reflect the [recommendations](#) in the Final Report
- b) The obligation to retain records for other inquiries remains.

The Inquiry's public correspondence routes will close in the coming weeks; as such, any enquiries about this letter should be directed to the Home Office: public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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