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Dear Chris Hodgkins,

I refer to your request, where you asked:

I would be grateful if you could let me know if and impact analysis on the arts in the UK leaving the European Union has been commissioned, the date it was commissioned and the date it was published. I would also be grateful for a copy of the analysis or an opportunity to read the analysis.

I can confirm that the Department for Exiting the EU (DExEU) holds information relevant to your request, but I am writing to advise you that I must extend the time limit for our response.

It is occasionally necessary to extend the 20 working day time limit for issuing a response. The Freedom of Information Act (the "Act") does not define what may constitute a 'reasonable' amount of time for an extension, however, guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office advises that extensions should normally take no longer than 20 additional working days.

We require further time to consider the public interest test under the following exemptions of the Act:

- Section 35(1)(a) of the Act, refers to information relevant to the Government policy-making process and the delivery of effective government.

By virtue of section 10(3), when public authorities have to consider the balance of the public interest in relation to a request, they do not have to comply with the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances. We wish to fully consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to your request.

I hope to let you have a response within a further 20 working days of 26 January 2018. If I can reply before that date, I shall do so. If I need more time to consider the balance of the public interest, I shall write again to let you know.

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

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team
Department for Exiting the EU (DExEU)