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Dear Ms Daruwala

Re: **Progress to drafting a national Right to Information Bill**

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence of 14 December, 05.

A draft Freedom of Information Bill has already been prepared by my Office, and submitted to Cabinet. Cabinet has agreed to it in principle, subject to certain policy issues which are to be perfected following consultation. Cabinet Sub-Committee on Legislation which is chaired by my Minister will do further consultations on the Bill before it is circulated to interested stakeholders for their input. We expect further work by this Committee early in 2006.

Yours sincerely

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