

WhatDoTheyKnow

Full, accurate and complete disclosure of records showing that the claimed SARS-COV-2 virus causes the symptoms of COVID-19

[Marc Horn](#) made this Freedom of Information request to [House of Commons](#)

[House of Commons](#) **did not have** the information requested.

Marc Horn 28 July 2020

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Dear House of Commons,

Please provide a full, accurate and complete list of records held within your office, and / or under your authority, supporting the claim that the SARS-COV-2 virus causes the symptoms of the disease called COVID-19, including but not limited to isolation of SARS-COV-2 virus and its identification method as confirmation.

Please note isolation is used in the normally understood meaning of the word – the act of separating a thing from another. I am not referring to, and hence not requesting, isolation meaning the culture of something else or the performance of an amplification test (eg PCR test which only detect mRNA or DNA) or the sequencing of “something”.

If any records match the above description and are available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, and weblink or location where the public may access it).

I remind you full, accurate and complete disclosure is required.

Yours faithfully,

Marc Horn

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Dear Mr Horn,

Freedom of Information Request F20-353

Thank you for your request for information as copied below. You have asked for records supporting the claim that the SARS-COV-2 virus causes the symptoms of the disease called COVID-19.

Some information is held by the House of Commons in relation to your request.

The House of Commons Library and the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology have undertaken research on the Covid-19 outbreak, for the purpose of informing Members of Parliament. This includes research about testing for and the transmission of the virus.

However, this information is already available from a public source. This information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 21(1) and (2)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), which removes a public authority from the obligation to provide access to information which is already in the public domain. This is an absolute exemption and the public interest test does not apply.

However, it may help you to know that information relevant to your request can be found at [1]<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/cor...> and

[2]<https://post.parliament.uk/category/anal...>

You may, if dissatisfied with the handling of your request, complain to the House of Commons. Alternatively, if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you may ask the House of Commons to conduct an internal review of any decision regarding your request. Complaints or requests for internal review should be addressed to: Information Rights and Information Security Service, Research & Information Team, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA or [3][House of Commons request email]. Please ensure that you specify the full reasons for your complaint or internal review along with any arguments or points that you wish to make.

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Yours sincerely,

IRIS Officer
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From: Marc Horn <[FOI #680375 email]>
Sent: 28 July 2020 19:11
To: FOI Commons <[\[email address\]](#)>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Full, accurate and complete

Marc Horn 12 August 2020

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Dear House of Commons,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of House of Commons's handling of my FOI request 'Full, accurate and complete disclosure of records showing that the claimed SARS-COV-2 virus causes the symptoms of COVID-19'.

In your response you have claimed to have some of the information, and enclosed 2 links to support your claim. Neither of the links have any information supporting the claimed SARS-CoV-2 virus causes the symptoms of COVID-19.

As requested in my original FOI please provide enough information so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, and weblink or location where the public may access it). I remind you full, accurate and complete disclosure is required.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/f...>

Yours faithfully,

Marc Horn

FOI Commons, House of Commons 13 August 2020

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Dear Mr Horn,

Freedom of Information Request F20-353

Thank you for your request for an internal review, copied below. In the first instance, I thought it may be quicker and more helpful to provide

some additional information about the House's position, rather than undertaking a full review.

You asked the House of Commons for records supporting the claim that the SARS-COV-2 virus causes the symptoms of the disease called COVID-19. We advised you that the only information we held that related to that subject were two briefing papers from the House of Commons Library, for which we provided links. The Library routinely produces these briefings for the purpose of keeping Members up to date on a whole range of subjects.

I am very sorry that these papers did not contain the information you were looking for. They were supplied in good faith, and represent the only information the House of Commons holds on the matter.

The role of the House of Commons is to make laws and to scrutinise the work of the Government. The records we hold directly relate to that role (for example, records of Chamber debates, or minutes of Committee meetings) or to the day-to-day administration of the House services (such as catering menus and staff rotas).

We are not part of the Government, nor do we routinely have access to their documents and records. Where a Government Department commissions scientific studies or research, that information will be held by them. In the case of any research on the SARS-COV-2 virus, we assume that any studies, research or other advice would have been commissioned by the Government's Department of Health and Social Care, so you may wish to request the information from them. Contact details can be found here: [1]<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisati...>

I hope this helps you better understand our position – we simply don't hold the detailed information you seek and this is why. However, if you would still like us to carry out a full review of the House of Commons handling of your request, please let me know, detailing your further complaint.

Yours sincerely,