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Dear Lisa

We can confirm that approximately thirty people were interviewed as part of the story.

The story was a very fair portrayal of the public mood about the government on that day. Opposition to the Government amongst the interviewees was extremely high. To show a balanced view each person who was supportive of the Government was included in the track, with a selection of those who were opposed. This necessarily meant that several people who were opposed to the Government were left out.

A transcript cannot be provided as this would require substantial work in collating, and therefore this part of your request is refused under Section 18A of the Act.

This could be provided at a cost by an external provider. We refer you to Section 15 of the Act which allows for a charge to be applied for. If you are interested in pursuing this we could explore costs of doing so.

In our view the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make it available.

In accordance with Section 19(b) of the Act we advise that you have the right to seek an investigation and review of the above refusal by making a complaint under Section 28(3) to an Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

**OIA Team**