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Dear

**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email of 25 July 2013 where you requested the information regarding how many working days have been lost in DECC, and among those we employ, as a result of industrial action since the 2010 general election and the cost to the public purse of covering for strike absence, or due to lost productivity, as a result of the industrial action. We have now completed searching for the information you requested.

1. The numbers of working days lost in DECC as a result of industrial action since the 2010 general election is 405. The Department does not have responsibility for any publicly funded agencies.
2. There has been no cost to the public purse in covering this strike action as staff were not required to work overtime nor were additional staff brought in to cover these strikes. The only way DECC is able to accurately quantify the level of lost productivity is through the number of working days lost stated in answer to part 1 of your question.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: **Information Rights Unit** ([foi@decc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gov.uk))

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,