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30 August 2012

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 August 2012. You have requested the following information:

1) How many (full-time equivalent) agency staff have you employed in the last financial year?

2) The amount of (full-time equivalent) positions that were reduced from the staff at the department in the last financial year.

If it does not breach the resource limit specified in the FOI Act, please also include:

- The same figures for two years previous.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Under the Act you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you have requested and;
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

Agency staff

The Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) publishes, as part of its Annual Report and Accounts, details of the average number of permanent and non permanent staff that it has employed during that period. The non permanent staff, who include agency temps, contractors, Interim Managers etc, are described in the accounts as "Others". Copies of these accounts are available via our website and can be accessed by following the link below.

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/about/our_goals/annual_reports/annual_reports.aspx.

The table below shows the page in each report where the information is shown.

Year	Page number in report
2009 – 2010	75
2010 – 2011	96
2011 - 2012	117

DECC also publishes, on a monthly basis and as part of the coalition government's transparency agenda, a breakdown of its permanent and non permanent workforce. This can be accessed by following the link below

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/accesstoinform/about_decc/about_decc.aspx

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Over the past 3 years DECC has undergone a transition from policy development to implementation and delivery. This has resulted in a planned overall increase in staffing numbers.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this email. If you wish to request an internal review, please contact me.

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 Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.