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Dear

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email dated 13 March 2012 asking the following:

1. The total number of residents in the Brentwood and Ongar constituency who received help from the Warm Front scheme in each of the following years: 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.
2. The total number of residents in the Brentwood and Ongar constituency who applied to the Warm Front scheme in each of the following years: 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.
3. The total amount of money from the Warm Front scheme that was paid to residents in the Brentwood and Ongar constituency in each of the following years: 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.
4. The total amount of money in the Warm Front scheme budget in the following years: 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.
5. The total amount of money paid out by the Warm Front scheme budget in each of the following years: 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.
6. The total number of people who applied for help from the Warm Front scheme in each of the following years: 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.
7. The total amount of money left unclaimed in the Warm Front scheme budget in each of the following years: 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.
8. When the Warm Front scheme was introduced.
9. Are there any plans to closed the Warm Front scheme.
10. Whether the Department will publicise the Warm Front scheme earlier than February next winter.

I will answer your questions in turn.

1. The number of households assisted under the Warm Front scheme in the Brentwood and Ongar constituency is shown in the following table:

| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 ⁱ | Total |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| Number of households assisted in the Brentwood and Ongar constituency | 154 | 198 | 324 | 185 | 78 | 16 | 955 |

2. The number of households in the Brentwood and Ongar constituency that applied for the Warm Front scheme is shown in the following table:

| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 ⁱ | Total |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| Number of households that applied to Warm Front in the Brentwood and Ongar constituency | 235 | 531 | 1099 | 606 | 312 | 59 | 2842 |

3. The total amount of Warm Front money allocated for the installation of measures at properties in the Brentwood and Ongar constituency is shown in the following table:

| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 ⁱ | Total |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Total Warm Front money allocated for measures installed in the Brentwood and Ongar constituency | £134,827.46 | £201,265.21 | £319,328.98 | £366,335.09 | £366,316.81 | £85,551.62 | £1,473,625.17 |

4. The total amount of Warm Front scheme budget is shown in the following table:

| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total Warm Front budget | £315 million | £350 million | £ 395 million | £369 million | £366 million ⁱⁱ | £153 million ⁱⁱⁱ |

5. The total amount of Warm Front budget allocated is shown in the following table:

| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Total Warm Front budget allocated | £315 million | £350 million | £395 million | £369 million | £366 million | Not yet available ^{iv} |

6. The number of households that applied for the Warm Front scheme is shown in the following table:

| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 ⁱ | Total |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Number of households that applied to Warm Front | 423,864 | 566,221 | 543,013 | 531,653 | 270,711 | 78,884 | 2,414,346 |

7. The total amount of money left unclaimed in the Warm Front scheme budget is shown in the following table:

| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Total amount of money left unclaimed in the Warm Front budget | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | Not yet available ^{iv} |

8. The Warm Front scheme was introduced in 2000.

9. 2012/13 will be the final year of Warm Front. From 2013, support for heating and insulation for the most vulnerable will be delivered through the Green Deal for energy efficiency and a new supplier obligation on energy companies. The Green Deal is a key element of our policy to improve household energy efficiency. It will help protect people against price rises through greater energy saving, with special support for the most vulnerable.

10. There are no current plans to publicise the Warm Front scheme in 2012/13, however, DECC and Carillion Energy Services, Warm Front scheme manager, are in discussion regarding future marketing of the scheme.

Appeal Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your Freedom of Information 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 the: **Information Rights Unit** (foi@decc.gsi.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,

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ⁱ Figures up to 29th February 2012

ⁱⁱ This figure includes £345 million from the original Warm Front budget allocated for the scheme year and £21 million additional monies made available for outstanding work.

ⁱⁱⁱ The total budget of £153m consists of £110m allocated to Warm Front and associated activities secured through the Spending Review 2010. Of this, £108m was directly allocated to Warm Front. In addition, DECC allocated £25m to support the completion of outstanding work from 2010/11, the Department of Health allocated a further £10m to Warm Front in 2011/12 and a further £10 million addition as a result of material rebates from suppliers and CERT interaction.

^{iv} The final Warm Front spend figure for 2011/12 has not yet been confirmed and so the amount of Warm Front budget left unallocated for this scheme year is not currently available.