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Our ref: **12/0061**

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Dear

Thank you for your email of 12 January 2012 in which you requested the information relating to the following meetings at which the Right Hon Charles Hendry MP was present.

Date	Met with (Group)	Subject
November 2010	International Power	Energy issues
September 2010	Chemical Industry Association	Energy issues
May 2011	SSE	Energy Policy discussion
June 2011	Centrica	Energy Policy Discussion

1. For each meeting, please supply information held by the department which includes, but is not limited to:

- i) Place of meeting
- ii) Full lists of those in attendance
- iii) Minutes
- iv) Agenda
- v) Or any other form of notes taken
- vi) Any Correspondence between the 'Group' and Charles Hendry's office in the specified month.

We have considered your request under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) to the extent that the information caught by your request is environmental information. We have completed our search of our electronic and papers records and can confirm that we hold no other records in addition to what we have released in the table below:

Date	Organisation	Purpose of Meeting	Details
November 2010	International Power : <i>Charles Hendry met with Philip Cox, Chief Executive</i>	Energy issues	Minutes of meeting not located, meeting held at the Department Also attending: <i>Steve Riley, Executive Director, Europe and Chris Anastasi, Head of Government Affairs</i>
September 2010	Chemical Industry Association	Energy issues	Minutes of meeting not located, No other records held
May 2011	SSE	Energy Policy discussion	Minutes of meeting not located, No other records held
June 2011	Centrica	Energy Policy Discussion	Minutes of meeting not located/ Some records withheld/ Meeting held at Portcullis House, Westminster

We have taken the decision to withhold the full list of attendees of the meetings between Charles Hendry and International Power, and Charles Hendry and Centrica under EIRs regulation 12(3).

Regulation 12(3) provides an exemption for personal data which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act 1998. Personal data of third parties can only be disclosed in accordance with the data protection principles. In particular, the first data protection principle requires that disclosure must be fair and lawful and must comply with one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the Data Protection Act. We do not think that it is fair to release the names of members of staff and third parties, and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

Appeals Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review and should contact me to do so using the e-mail address provided at the end of this letter. Please remember to quote the reference number at the beginning of this letter 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,