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Our Ref. Fol Request 12/0145

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email request of January 31, 2012 for the following information:

*The number (and brief details of the purpose of) all ministerial visits, during 2011, to (i) Greater Manchester, (ii) Continental Europe, and (iii) The United States of America. This should be broken down by minister.*

In reply to your question (i) please see details of trips by former Secretary of State Chris Huhne and other ministers to the Northwest during 2011.

**Chris Huhne, former Secretary of State**

| <b>Date of Visit</b> | <b>Place</b> | <b>Purpose</b>   |
|----------------------|--------------|--|
| March 2011           | Manchester   | Speech at the <i>UK Renewable Offshore Wind Conference</i> |

**Charles Hendry, Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change**

| <b>Date of Visit</b> | <b>Place</b> | <b>Purpose</b>  |
|----------------------|--------------|---|
| March 2011           | North West   | <b>Regional visit</b> – launch of the Lancaster Energy Institute, Nuclear Skills dinner |
| August 2011          | North West   | <b>Regional visit</b> – Granada Material Handling, Cammel Laird, Bentley Motors         |

**Greg Barker, Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change**

| <b>Date of Visit</b> | <b>Place</b>       | <b>Purpose</b>                           |
|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| January 2011         | Salford University | Energy Efficiency roundtable discussions |
| October 2011         | Greater            | Energy Efficiency discussions with       |

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|  | Manchester | Stakeholders, Ordsall estate, Salford. |
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**Lord Marland, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State**

| <b>Date of Visit</b> | <b>Place</b> | <b>Purpose</b> |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Nil                  | Nil          | Nil            |

In relation to your questions (ii) and (iii), all details of ministerial visits overseas are published on a quarterly basis on the department's website at <http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/accesstoinform/registers/registers.aspx>

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,