DFID agriculture related programmes

“1) Firstly, I am seeking information on which Civil Servant(s) or office in the Department for International Development is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of agriculture related spending. If you feel that the Civil Servant(s) are not senior enough to name under the DPA please specify the job role or office they work in, and to which Senior Civil Servant they report to.”

Responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of agriculture related spending in DFID varies according to the location and programme cost. As DFID is devolved, some spending decisions are taken in country offices for country-led programmes, and some are centrally managed from the UK.

For centrally managed programmes, agriculture related spend is managed through the following departments:

Africa Regional Department – Country Programmes
Growth & Resilience Department - Economic Development
Research & Evidence Division - Policy & Global Programmes

Details of the Civil Servants responsible for these areas are available online on the Gov.UK website here.

“2) What standard classifications and labels are used to categorise or differentiate agriculture-related projects that DFID fund eg. organic, smallholder, low-input, commercial, mechanised etc.”

All programmes in DFID are assigned input sector codes (ISCs) reflecting what money is spent on. A project can be assigned multiple ISCs – with weightings reflecting the amount of the project’s resources spent on particular issues. Key input sector codes in agriculture include codes 311 (agriculture) and 43040 (rural development).

Information on DFID’s agriculture-related projects is available online, broken down by sector, in the Development Tracker.

“3) What processes or indicators are used to assess the impact and effectiveness of these projects, eg. (and would like to see) jobs created, impact on average household income, gender balance of beneficiaries, impact on local and regional food security, transparency and efficiency of development partners etc.”

The impact and effectiveness of DFID projects are measured against indicators laid out in the individual project’s logical framework (which is a planning and management tool that describes the goals, targets and indicators for a project). This document is available online for each agriculture project in the Development Tracker.

DFID also reports at corporate level through DFID’s Results Framework.