

Thank you for your email of 21 November, requesting information about DECC payments to the Institute of Acoustics (IOA) for the preparation of good practice guidance on ETSU R 97. You specifically asked:

*“DECC is part funding an Institute of Acoustics working party preparing a good practice guide on ETSU 97 wind turbine noise assessment guidance. DECC is funding the members and chairman of the working party. Please could you supply a breakdown of DECC payments, direct or indirect (expenses, honorarium’s and fees) paid to the individuals (or their employers) which comprise the group. If this could include both the amounts already paid (if applicable) and the amount expected to be paid on completion.”*

DECC is paying £8,500 (excluding VAT) towards the work to develop good practice guidance on ETSU-R-97. This is to fund the role of editor of the good practice guidance, which is being carried out by the Chair of the IOA working group Richard Perkins. All payments for this work are made from DECC to Richard Perkins’ employers Parsons Brinckerhoff.

DECC has already paid £4,750. A further £750 is expected to be paid towards the work by IOA on consultation co-ordination and responses, and a further £3,000 is expected to be paid towards their work to project end (publication of the final good practice guide). All figures exclude VAT.

The IOA are currently considering responses to their consultation and intend to publish the good practice guidance in spring 2013.