

By email only

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Dear

EIR Request

I write in response to your request for information, received on 17 October 2018, regarding the Blue Belt project. I can confirm that we are handling your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

Within your request, you asked:

"Under the EIR, I would like the MMO to please provide all Overseas Territory work plans relating to the Overseas Territories Blue Belt, including deadlines for delivery. Please confirm the version supplied is the same as that used by Cefas and supplied to FCO. Please also supply all single spend over £50k for each item of the plan, broken down by OTs and by staff."

Please find enclosed a copy of all information held by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) that has been identified as falling within scope of your request for information. This includes the following information:

Annex A – A copy of the work plans for each overseas territory, a cross-territory plan, and one covering our work with RFMOs (nine work plans in total)
Annex B – A copy of actual and forecasted spend across each item of the work plans for financial years 18-20, where this totals more than £50,000 for a single item

Note that we have been unable to provide staff data for each item of the work plan within the breakdown requested as this is not held by the MMO. As you may be aware, there is no requirement to produce information that is not already held in response to a request under the EIRs.

If you require any further advice or assistance, please contact me in the first instance. Additionally, if you are unhappy with the way the MMO has handled your request for information, you can request an internal review by writing to Internal Reviews, Access to Information, at the MMO, Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YH or e-mail <u>internalreview@marinemanagement.org.uk</u>.









If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. Tel 0303 123 1113 or <u>http://www.ico.org.uk/complaints</u>. There is no charge for the internal review or making an appeal to the ICO.

Yours sincerely,

