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Thank you for your email of 24 November 2013 where you requested the following information:

I am writing following a written answer given by Minister Greg Barker on November 19, 2013, to Chris Ruane on the subject of secondment. Hansard source (Citation: HC Deb, 19 November 2013, c889W)

I refer specifically to the list 13 secondees who have helped draft aspects of primary and secondary legislation

As a Freedom of Information request, can you please supply me with the details of the legislation that the two secondees from Shell and the secondee from Centrica Energy were involved with please.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Under the Act you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you have requested; and
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

DECC's in-house legal team instructs the Office of Parliamentary Counsel to draft primary legislation and is responsible for the drafting of its secondary legislation. Secondees to DECC have not been involved in drafting legislation or in providing any legal advice. DECC policy makers (including secondees) may undertake policy development work, provide policy instructions and comment on drafts. No secondee has been involved in drafting any legislation but some have been involved in preparatory policy work. Our central records do not contain details of any specific pieces of legislation on which secondees have worked; rather, DECC business managers have indicated that the secondees concerned would have had such opportunities.

Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk).

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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 Commissioners Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.