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Your ref: 920/14
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Date: 10 February 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: INTERDEPARTMENTAL RESOURCES AND RISKS
WORKING GROUP**

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 18 November 2014, on the Interdepartmental Resources and Risks Working Group (referred to in the National Adaptation Programme, July 2013, p.11, and the subject of an earlier FOI release in August 2013). In particular, you have requested dates and minutes of meetings, Ministerial briefings by and correspondence between the Working Group from July 2013 to the present. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I enclose a copy of the information you requested:

- Email dated 2 June 2014 titled, "RE: Informal Cross-Whitehall Resources and Risks Group: Read out and next steps";
- Email dated 25 April titled "Informal Cross-Whitehall Resources and Risks Group: Read out and next steps";
- Minutes of meeting on 23 April 2014;
- Email dated 22 April 2014 titled "Informal Cross-Whitehall Resources and Risks Group: Meeting Tomorrow";
- Agenda for meeting on 23 April 2014;
- Email dated 3 April 2014 titled "Informal Cross-Whitehall Resources and Risks Group: Next Meeting";
- Email dated 11 October 2013 titled "Resources and Risks Group Meeting: Tuesday 5 November".

There were no Ministerial briefings in this period, so this information is not held.



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If you have any queries about this letter please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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