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**Our ref:** RFI 6851  
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Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Confederation of British Industry Expenditure**

Thank you for your request for information about Defra's expenditure with the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and its subsidiaries, which we received on 26 August 2014. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

**You asked:**

Please provide the amount paid to the CBI (and its regional subsidiaries)

- (a) in membership fees
- (b) fees for one off conferences or other events and
- (c) fees paid to the CBI for any other services.

Please make clear if the response includes payments from any Non-Departmental Public Bodies, Executive Agencies etc which fall under the department and please provide a breakdown of what payments came from which agency/body.

Please provide this information for the period 2009-2014 set out by calendar or financial year.



**In response:**

This table sets out the total expenditure of each of the organisations within the Defra family in financial years 2009-10 to 2013-14:

Organisation	Total Expenditure (£)
Core Defra	0
Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board	0
Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency	0
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	0
Consumer Council for Water	0
Environment Agency	327.50
Food and Environment Research Agency	0
Forestry Commission	0
Gangmasters Licensing Authority	0
Joint Nature Conservation Committee	0
Marine Management Organisation	0
National Forest Company	0
Natural England	0
Royal Botanic Gardens Kew	0
Rural Payments Agency	0
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	0

The Environment Agency's expenditure with the CBI comprised £117.50 on conferences and events in 2009-10 and £210.00 on conferences and events in 2011-12.

The Sea Fish Industry Authority was unable to provide a response within the 20 working day timeframe for answering this question. If you wish, you can contact them directly at [seafish@seafish.co.uk](mailto:seafish@seafish.co.uk) to ascertain their expenditure.

We have also coordinated the response for the same question you asked the UK Co-ordinating Body, the Drinking Water Inspectorate and the Science Advisory Council. None of these incurred any expenditure with the CBI in 2009-10 to 2013-14.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

We attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you. We also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us.

Yours

**Defra FOI and EIRs Team**

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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