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Our ref: 13/0688

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 30th May 2013 requesting information on the amount spent by the Department of Energy and Climate Change on consultants in the last financial year 2012-13.

The amount spent on consultants in 2012-13 is £5.2 million.

This figure excludes expenditure information by the Department's Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs). We do not hold this information as they manage their own requests. You may wish to contact them directly for further details:

- The Coal Authority - thecoalauthority@coal.gov.uk
- Committee on Climate Change - enquiries@theccc.gsi.gov.uk
- Civil Nuclear Police Authority - info@cnpa.pnn.police.uk
- Nuclear Decommissioning Authority - enquiries@nda.gov.uk

By way of background, you may also wish to be aware that consultants are typically engaged in the provision to management of objective advice and assistance relating to strategy, structure, management or operations of an organisation in pursuit of its purposes and objectives. Such assistance will be provided outside the 'business-as-usual' environment when in-house skills are not available and will be time-limited. Services may include the identification of options with recommendations, or assistance with (but not the delivery of) the implementation of solutions

Appeal 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 sent to:

Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gov.uk) or by post to Security & Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Services), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, Victoria 3, 5th Floor, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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 Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.