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Dear [REDACTED]

## INFORMATION REQUEST: SECONDMENTS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 11 February 2015 about secondments from external organisations. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

- *how many Defra staff are currently seconded to the companies listed below, and*
- *how many employees from the companies listed below are currently seconded to Defra:*

*Cuadrilla, Igas, Total, Shell, BP, Exxon, Centrica, SSE, EDF, EON, RWE, Third Energy, Scottish power.*

*For each Defra secondee to these companies, please provide the following additional information:*

- The position of the secondee at the company*
- The name of the company that they are seconded to*
- The duration of the secondment, including the start date and end date of the secondment*
- The Defra policy team the secondee worked at before the secondment*
- The position of the official to whom the secondee reports at the company*



*For each secondee from these companies, please provide the following information:*

- i. The position of the secondee at Defra*
- ii. The company that the secondee is from*
- iii. The duration of the secondment, including the start date and end date of the secondment*
- iv. The Defra policy team they are currently working at*
- v. The position of the Defra official to whom the secondee reports*

*Please also provide a blank example of a contract that secondees are required to sign which outlines how conflicts of interest must be dealt with. Please provide a full copy of this document and not only an excerpt covering conflicts of interest.*

There are currently no secondees to or from core Defra and the companies listed in your request, and so the information is not held.

A blank example of an inward secondment contract is attached at Annex C and an outward secondment contract at Annex D.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and 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.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I 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 the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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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 within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to [REDACTED] 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 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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