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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: COSTS INCURRED BY THE UK GOVERNMENT IN  
RELATION TO THE ABERTHAW POWER STATION**

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 29 September 2016, requesting a breakdown of costs incurred by the UK government in challenging the European Commission's case that the UK government has failed to limit pollution emissions from Aberthaw power station. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Travel and accommodation costs incurred by the UK Government staff attending the court hearing in Luxembourg in relation to this case were £1,254.97.

You should note that the figures provided are based on the information we have and are accurate as far as reasonably possible. The costs do not include time spent by Defra officials, the Department's advisory lawyers or EU litigation lawyers at the Government Legal Department (formerly the Treasury Solicitor's Department), as we do not hold information on the time spent by individual members of staff or lawyers on specific cases. Please also note that we do not hold information on any costs incurred by the Welsh Government.

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 me.

Yours sincerely,

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## Annex A

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