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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Meetings between The Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP and The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP**

Thank you for your request for information about communications and meetings between The Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP and The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP between 01/01/2013 and 15/07/2014, which we received on 15/07/2014. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Further to our e-mail of 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we apologise for the delay in responding.

I have attached copies of correspondence as specified in your request and have redacted information where personal data is mentioned under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Section 40(2) of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

We have searched through our systems and found one record of a meeting on Biomass between The Rt Hon Owen Paterson and The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP, which took place at Defra, Nobel House on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 from 17:30 to 18:00. We have attached minutes and briefing notes for the meeting.

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



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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 me.

Yours sincerely,

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**Defra FOI and EIRs Team**

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## **Annex A**

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