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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Wellington Boots, Waders and Umbrellas

Thank you for your request for information about Wellington boots, waders and umbrellas, which we received on 14 February. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I would like details of spending on Wellington boots, waders and umbrellas in each month since January 2012. Including how much was spent in each case and for whom the items were purchased.

In response:

We have identified that the Core Department purchased two pairs of Wellington boots in October 2012. Each pair cost £14.39 and were required as an emergency measure due to the risk of flooding in a file store area. No other purchases matching your request were found.

Defra's Network Bodies include the Environment Agency and Natural England. These organisations are more likely to have made purchases of the items you are interested in. You may wish to submit separate FOIA requests to them directly – contact details are available at http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/contactus/default.aspx and http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/about_us/contact_us/.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received. If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours

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Annex A

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Annex B

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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) 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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