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Dear

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your letter of 22 July 2013. You requested the following information:

1. How many employees of the Department of Energy and Climate Change worked a) full-time as trade union representatives and part time as trade union representatives for the financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13.
2. What the total cost of this trade union facility time was in a) 2011-12 and b) 2012-13.

We have now completed searching for the information you requested.

1. The number of employees of the Department of Energy and Climate Change working as full or part time trade union representatives was:

a) in 2011-12

Full time representatives: April- June 2011 – 1; July 2011- March 2012 – 2
Part time representatives: 13

b) in 2012-13

Full time representatives: 2
Part time representatives: 15

2. The total cost of this trade union facility time was:

a) in 2011-12

The Department does not hold this information.

ii) in 2012-13

The Department has the following information:

Financial quarter	Total time taken (in working hours)	Total cost of trade union facility time
April – June 2012	422.5	£31,569.77
July – September 2012	387.5	£31,136.22
October – September 2012	772	£37,162.43*
January – March 2013	676	£35,660.12
Sum total	2,258	£99,868.42

*The total cost for the quarter October – September 2012 is based on average costs as opposed to actual costs. This is due to a change in the way figures were recorded as the Cabinet Office implemented a new Facility Time Framework. The Cabinet Office data collection template was further revised in January 2013 to ensure there is an accurate, up-to-date view of facility time across the Civil Service.

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Yours sincerely,