



**Department of Energy & Climate Change**  
3 Whitehall Place,  
London SW1A 2AW  
E: [foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)  
[www.gov.uk/decc](http://www.gov.uk/decc)

Our ref: FOI 13/1667

18 December 2013

## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email of 21 November in which you asked the following:

*I would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding communications between staff in the Department of Energy and Climate Change and representatives from the Big Six utility firms.*

*Specifically, I am interested in the details of any meetings, phone calls or emails between 09.00 on 25/09/13 and 17.00 on 27/09/13.*

*I am aware of the large number of staff within DECC, so I would like to limit my enquiry only to Special or Political Advisers attached to Ministers or the Secretary of State.*

*By Big Six, I refer to representatives from Centrica (British Gas), SSE, Npower, E.On UK, EDF and Scottish Power.*

*I would like each email, phone call or meeting logged with a time stamp and indicating, where possible, who were the parties involved. I would also like to see any notes that were attached to these exchanges, or, in the case of emails, the text of the messages where possible."*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).



Department  
of Energy &  
Climate Change

I can confirm that the Department holds the following information falling within the scope of your request. DECC's Special Advisers met with Centrica and SSE on 25 and 26 September 2013 respectively. The Department does not hold any further information related to these meetings.

### **Appeals procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit ([foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)).

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)  
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills  
1 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1H 0ET

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely