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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: DEFRA SPEND ON LOW CARBON AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES 2011-2015

Thank you for your request for information about 'the amount of money spent by DEFRA under priority support a strong and sustainable green economy on low carbon and climate change initiatives in (i) 2011-12 (ii) 2012-13 (iii) 2013-14 (iv) 2014-15' which we received on 20 December 2013.

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In response to your question above, please find below a table containing our estimate of Defra spending on climate change initiatives in the years requested. We have not included spending on activities where the primary purpose has not been to achieve climate change objectives but where there may be a consequential effect relevant to climate change. For example, measures to divert waste away from landfill are driven primarily for reasons of land use, resource use, health and local environmental pollution. As such, spending on that activity has not been included. However specific measures to monitor and capture methane from landfill are included as they are primarily aimed at reducing



greenhouse gas emissions. The figures for 2013/14 denote planned spend, projected to the end of this financial year. In most areas, final budgets for 14/15 have yet to be allocated and so are not included.

Total Defra climate change spend (mitigation and adaptation) £m

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Domestic	24.7	29.1	17.2	Yet to be allocated
International programme	10.1	20.1	30	40
TOTAL	34.8	49.2	47.2	Yet to be allocated

Defra's international spend primarily covers our share of the UK's International Climate Fund for forestry projects.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Annex A

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