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Dear

## **RE: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your recent correspondence where you requested information about industrial action in DECC on 30 November 2011. The information you requested is provided below:

## 1. Please could you forward any reports, meeting minutes and documents relating to the public sector strike on 30 November 2011 under the Freedom of Information Act.

I have interpreted your request as covering formal reporting documentation related to the strike as opposed to, for example, pre-strike notices published to managers or staff.

DECC has established procedures and contingency plans in place when industrial action is announced. These are followed without the need for formal meetings or reports relating to industrial action on a particular day. Consequently the department does not hold any information in the scope of this question.

## 2. In particular could you provide information concerning the number of employees who did not work that day, on picket activity and any information concerning the impact of the strike on the working of your department.

- On 30 November 2011, 211 DECC employees were on strike
- The number of staff on picket activity was not recorded during the day
- No disruption to services was reported on 30 November.

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: **Information Rights Unit** (<u>foi@decc.gov.uk</u>)

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

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contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,