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Thank you for your email of 25 March 2013, where you asked about:

- How many staff are on a paid leave of absence at the Department at the moment?
- How much has been spent on staff salaries during paid leaves of absence since 2010
- How many staff have been made redundant and then rehired within the last 12 months to work in the Department or at one of its agencies?
- How much have they been paid?
- How many staff have been taken on in jobs that are based outside London but are claiming transport expenses to travel backwards and forwards from their job and their home in London?
- How much has been spent on travel expenses in the last 12 months on staff travelling to and from London to jobs based outside the capital?

Subsequently, in your e-mail of 4 April you refined your original request, stating that you required information about “people on paid leave”, which you clarified as meaning “people who are still on the payroll but not actually carrying out a day to day role”.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Under the Act you have the right to:

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

Detailed below is the response to your individual questions.

- Taking into consideration your definition of “staff on paid leave” our records show that there are no staff on paid leave of absence.

- Taking into consideration your definition of “staff on paid leave” we have not had any staff on paid leave since 2010 so the cost has been nil.
- The Department of Energy and Climate Change does not have any agencies for which it is responsible. The Department has not made any staff redundant in the last 12 months and as a consequence none have been rehired.
- The amount paid to staff who have been rehired after being made redundant is nil.
- There are no members of staff within the Department who are based outside London and claiming transport expenses to travel to and from their jobs, outside of London, and their homes in London.
- The full year cost spent on travel expenses in the last 12 months on staff travelling to and from London to jobs based outside the capital is nil.

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 and Security Rights Team (DECC Shared Service)

Department of Business, Innovation & Skills

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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