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Dear

Thank you for your recent email where you refined your original request for information about hospitality received by senior officials at DECC departments between January 1st 2009 and today by focusing on the 'Office for Renewable Energy Deployment' and 'Energy Development'. According to the latest DECC corporate organogram this would involve providing the requested information for...

Stephen Speed
Simon Toole
Wendy Kennedy
Giles Scott
Ian McKenzie

Hugh McNeal
Roger Hargreaves
Sarah Rhodes
Hannah Brown
(And/or their predecessors in those roles)

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).

I apologise for the delay in responding to your request and can confirm that DECC holds the information you have requested.

DECC have defined hospitality as including the acceptance of meals and drinks, provided by external organisations at events. The definition does not include, however, minor refreshments or sandwich lunches at such events.

Tables of relevant entries from the hospitality registers are attached at Annex 1 and Annex 2. The latter schedule relates to a retiree from the Energy Development Unit. Job titles for the individuals and additional notes under the column titled 'purpose' have been added as necessary to help put the information into context.

Please note that the expenses of and hospitality received by Senior Civil Servants at Director General level and above are published at <https://update.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/business-expensessenior-officials> in accordance with Cabinet Office guidance.

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
Victoria 3, 5th Floor
1 Victoria Street
London SW1H 0ET
Email: foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk

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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.