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of Energy &
Climate Change

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Change**

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Your ref:
Our ref: **13/1646**

10th December 2013

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 19th November 2013 requesting details on Departmental expenditure on Christmas and New Year parties.

Specifically you asked –

1. how much was spent on Departmental Christmas and New Year parties last year (i.e. December 2012) including
 - a. parties hosted by staff or ministers at the Department
 - b. a detailed breakdown of what the money was spent on
 - c. the venue and date of each party and the number of people invited and to provide
2. Minutes of any meetings at which such parties were included as a separate agenda item.

I can confirm that the Department of Energy and Climate Change did not host any Christmas or New Year parties paid from public funds last year.

Appeal 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 at:

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0ET (☎: foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk.)

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.