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Your ref:

Our ref: 13/0967

14<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Dear Redacted

RE: FOI request 13/0967

Thank you for your e-mail of 22<sup>nd</sup> July where you requested the following information:

Has the department of Energy and Climate Change used external consultants in preparation for Select Committee hearings in the past twelve months.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

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

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the DECC has not used any external consultants to prepare for appearances before Parliamentary Select Committees.

## **Appeals 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 sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights Unit
Department for 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

Yours sincerely,

**DECC Parliamentary Unit**