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RE: Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) spend on motivational activities for staff

Thank you for your email of 27 December 2013, in which you requested the following information:

How much did your department spend on motivational activities for staff in each of the following years:

2007/8

2008/9

2009/10

2010/11

2011/12

2012/13

Please give a brief outline of the activities undertaken.

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)

DECC does not hold central records of the information you have requested, and we estimate that providing the details would exceed the cost limit of £600 provided under Section 12 of the Act. This represents the estimated cost of spending 3.5 working days: (i) determining whether the department holds the information, and (ii) locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The Act provides that we are not obliged to comply with requests where the estimated cost of complying would exceed this limit. Searching mailboxes of every employee, as well as other records, would exceed the 3.5 working day limit.

You may wish to refine your request, narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you wish to obtain. For example, you may wish to define motivational activities. We would be happy to consider whether any revised request could be dealt with within the cost limit.

Appeals procedure

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of this letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, who provide a shared FOI advice service to DECC:

Information Rights Unit
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London, SW1H 0ET
E-mail: 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 Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely