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Our ref: **13/0115**

18 February 2013

Dear

**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2013 where you requested the following information:

*Please note that I am only interested in information which relates to the period 21 January 2012 to the current day.*

*1...During the aforementioned period has any member of the Ministerial team (past or present) exchanged written communications and or correspondence with The Duchy of Cornwall estate. If the answer to the above question is yes can you please supply copies of all correspondence and communications (including emails). Please do include all Ministerial correspondence and communications with any representative and or employee of the estate and any legal representative. These correspondence and communications will include but will not be limited to correspondence and communications about the issue of Prince's consent.*

*2...During the aforementioned period has any member of the Ministerial team met with any employee and or representative and or legal representative of the Duchy of Cornwall estate. I am only interested in meetings which were about business related to the Duchy of Cornwall. In the case of each meeting can you please provide a list of all those present including the relevant Minister (s), any civil servants and special advisers and of course anyone representing the Duchy of Cornwall. Can you also include details of the time and date of any meeting? Can you also indicate the subjects under discussion?*

*3...Can you please provide copies of all written documents held by the Minister's Office (including emails) which in any way relates to these meetings and the subjects under discussion. Some of this information could have been generated prior to the meeting taking place. Some of it could have been generated afterwards.*

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 information you requested is not held by this Department. No information has been located relating to correspondence, meetings with (and any associated information) between the Ministerial team and the Duchy of Cornwall estate or its representatives for the period specified.

### **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 addressed to the Security & Information Rights Unit ([foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)).

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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