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Our ref: RFI 5889
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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: BUSINESS APPOINTMENT RULES

Thank you for your request for information about Business Appointment Rules, which we received on 6 October 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

“I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I understand that the Business Appointment rules allocate responsibility for decisions on post employment appointments to government department for ranks SCS2 and below. I am writing to ask for the information contained in the following documents related to the case of Miles Beale who I understand was Deputy Director of for EU and international agriculture policy at DEFRA until some time in 2012.

1. The application on outside appointment made by Beale
2. the written recommendation to the applicant setting out the decision on the case
3. the dates of service at DEFRA of Beale. I ask this specifically because Miles Beale's LinkedIn page notes that he took up a new post with the Wine and Spirits Trade Association in June 2012, though it also notes that he continued to work at DEFRA until September of the same year: <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/miles-beale/28/436/a57>”

The information you requested is as follows:

I enclose a copy of the Business Appointment Rules and the Defra process for application.

We do not hold information on points 1 and 2 as no application was made by Mr Beale under the Business Appointment Rules. Mr Beale sought advice from HR on the Business Appointment Rules prior to his resignation. Mr Beale's Manager and the HR Director considered whether or not his appointment at the Wine and Spirits Trade Association was subject to application of the Business Appointment Rules and concluded that his appointment did not meet the criteria to require an application under the Rules, and therefore no application was made.



On your point 3:

Dates of service: Mr. Beale joined Defra on 12th April 2010 and his final date of service upon resignation was 14th June 2012.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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Annex B

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