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Change**

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Your ref:
Our ref: **13/1824**

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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 27th December 2013 requesting information on gifts made to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) by foreign governments.

Specifically you asked how much DECC had spent on repairs, renovations or maintenance of gifts made by foreign governments in each year 2010-11; 2011-12 and 2012-13.

The Department has not received any gifts from foreign governments and therefore not incurred such expenditure.

You may be interested to know that the Department's policy provides that any gift with a value of £10 or more must be registered. Any gift from a firm or individual which has a retail value of £50 or more should be surrendered. If an individual wishes to keep the gift they must pay the Department the value of the gift minus £50. If the value is less than £50 staff may, with the agreement of the Director General, keep the gift or share it among colleagues. The same rules apply to gifts received from foreign governments, government organisations or international organisations, except that the level at which a gift may be retained, with line management agreement, is £75 retail value.

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.