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Dear REDACTED

RE: EIR Ref 13/1189

Thank you for your e-mail of 29 August 2013 requesting information on the energy efficiency of public buildings in the UK.

We have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs) as the information you have sought disclosure of, does in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs. The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) does not hold information on Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs), carbon emissions or energy costs for all public buildings in the UK. However, DECC does hold information on Display Energy Certificates (DECs) relating to buildings for which it is responsible and on its own carbon emissions and energy costs.

DECC does not hold information on EPCs for any of its buildings in England. However, EPC/DEC data is publicly available from the keeper of EPC register, Landmark Group (EPCData@landmark.co.uk) and is available as one of 3 standard data packs. Further information can be found at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/epcdataguidance2012>

You should contact Landmark directly for further advice on what data and format it is available in and also the cost of meeting your request.

The tables below show energy costs, carbon emissions and DEC ratings for 3 Whitehall Place and 55 Whitehall, for the past three financial years. We do not hold information on energy costs for 55 Whitehall prior to DECC taking over the building in April 2011. Information is also included on DECC's share of energy costs and emissions relating to its office at Atholl House in Aberdeen. This building is shared with other tenants. There is no requirement for DECs in public buildings in Scotland although there is a similar requirement regarding Energy Performance Certificates (EPC). The EPC ratings for Atholl House are shown in table 3.

Table 1 Energy Costs

Energy Costs (£)	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
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3 Whitehall Place	184,577.21	142,983.26	176,843.16
55 Whitehall*	Not available	20,368.39	29,923.76
Atholl House	38,268	39,499	47,164.15

*Cost of Whitehall District Heating Scheme only. Electricity for 3 Whitehall Place and 55 Whitehall is billed together.

Table 2 Carbon Emissions

Carbon Emissions (t/CO ₂ e)	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
3 Whitehall Place	895.93	682.36	678.06
55 Whitehall	91.4	124.07	148.04
Atholl House	103.04	89.05	107.10

Table 3

DEC rating	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
3 Whitehall Place	E from May 2010 D from October 2010	D	C from July 2012
55 Whitehall	D	C from September 2011 B from December 2011	B
Atholl House	G	G	G

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 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to: Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gov.uk) or by post to Security & Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Services), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, Victoria 3, 5th Floor, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.

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

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