



Our ref: **13/0917**

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Dear

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 12 July 2013 where you requested the following information:

“On 11 July 2013 Secretary of State Ed Davey stated in the House of Commons that DECC had received 57 project applications for Investment Contracts under the first phase of the FID enabling programme. These 57 projects represent in total around 18GW of capacity, Davey said.

I wish to find out:

- 1. How this 18GW of capacity breaks down across the spectrum of energy generating technologies, i.e. how many MW were submitted from onshore wind developments, offshore wind, solar, biomass, AD, and any other applicable technology (e.g. nuclear)?*
- 2. Whether the process allows for bilateral negotiations on strike prices for each project, or whether FID enabling strike prices will be set administratively and consistently across the technology bands, i.e. will there be one FID enabling strike price for offshore wind, or could each offshore project potentially receive a unique rate depending on its particular circumstances?*
- 3. Whether there exists scope for there to be any difference between the FID enabling strike price and the enduring CfD regime strike price for any given technology? Or will these two sets of strike prices be identical?”*

The first part of your request is being considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 on the basis that the information you have sought disclosure of, does in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

I can confirm that the Department holds this information and it is provided, as follows:

The 57 Final Investment Decision Enabling for Renewables Phase 1 applications break down as follows:

Technology	GW
Biomass (including CHP, conversions and dedicated biomass)	6.4
Offshore wind	9.6
Onshore wind	1.2
Solar PV	0.5
Other renewable technologies	0.5
Total applications received	18.2

The Final Investment Decision (FID) Enabling for Renewables project - is open only to Renewable developers. Separate arrangements apply for nuclear and CCS.

Your second and third questions contain enquiries rather than a request for recorded information held by DECC. Where a 'request for information' contains an enquiry, rather than a specific request for copies of information held by DECC, we deal with such requests as a 'normal course of business' enquiry rather than a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations.

With respect to these questions; the draft EMR Delivery Plan, published by DECC in July 2013 (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/23650/emr_delivery_plan_consultation.pdf), set out the draft strike prices for renewables projects. DECC are consulting on the Delivery Plan over summer

before confirming strike prices in the final Delivery Plan due to be published in December 2013 (subject to Royal Assent of the Energy Bill).

The published draft strike prices cover the following technologies:

- Advanced Conversion Technologies (with or without CHP);
- Anaerobic Digestion (with or without CHP) (>5 MW);
- Biomass Conversion;
- Dedicated Biomass (with CHP);
- Energy from Waste (with CHP);
- Geothermal (with or without CHP);
- Hydro (>5 MW);
- Landfill Gas, Offshore Wind;
- Onshore Wind (>5 MW);
- Sewage Gas;
- Solar Photo-Voltaic;
- Tidal Stream; and
- Wave.

As stated in the draft Delivery Plan for larger hydro projects and Tidal range projects, DECC will consider how best to price these on a case by case basis.

Details of the approach to strike prices for FID Enabling for Renewables were set out in "*Final Investment Decision Enabling for Renewables: Update 2, Investment Contract Allocation*", published by DECC on 27 June 2013 ([https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/209367/2013 - 06 - 27 FIDe Update 2 Master Draft 2 .pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/209367/2013_-_06_-_27_FIDe_Update_2_Master_Draft_2_.pdf)). This stated that any Investment Contracts that might be offered under this project will be based on the relevant strike prices in the final EMR Delivery Plan and on the final standard form Contract for Difference (CfD). Consequently, the relevant Investment Contracts and Contracts under the enduring CfD regime will be based on the same set of strike prices.

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 Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gov.uk) or by post to

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Services),

Department for Business, Innovation & Skills,
Victoria 3, 5th Floor, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.

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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,