



By email

Our ref: 09/12/lv/451

31 December 2013

Dear

Re: Fructose and Professor Ian Macdonald

Thank you for your emails of 19 November, 1 December, 8 December and 9 December 2013 in which you requested information relating to Professor Ian McDonald and fructose.

Your emails have been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that PHE does hold some of the information you have specified. I have also attached (Annex 1) a note outlining considerations around Professor Macdonald's consultancies.

In your email dated 19 November 2013 you asked:

Could you please provide me with details of all contacts between and copies of all correspondence between PHE and members of the European Food safety Authority (EFSA) and members of the European Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health since 1st November 2010 relating to consumption of foods containing fructose and the claim that it lowers the rise in blood glucose compared to sucrose and glucose containing food.

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that PHE does not hold the information you have specified. PHE is a new executive agency of the Department of Health which took up its full responsibilities on 1 April 2013. Since that date PHE has had no correspondence on this issue. Prior to 1 April 2013, the Department of Health was responsible for this area. I understand that you have contacted the Department of Health on this issue.

In your email dated 1 December 2013 you asked:

Could you please provide me with details of all documents pertaining to and contacts between and copies of any and all correspondence between Public Health England and Professor Ian MacDonald, chairman of the Professor of Metabolic Physiology, University of Nottingham and Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition, Carbohydrates Group, since 1st January 2010 on the subject of Professor MacDonald's external consultancies with (but

not limited to) Coca Cola, Mars and Unilever, including any correspondence on permission for him to take up such consultancies again.

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that PHE does hold the information you have specified and I have included it with this letter. Please note a small amount of third party data, including direct telephone numbers, has been redacted.

In your email dated 8 December 2013 you asked:

Could you please provide me with details of all contacts between and copies of all correspondence between PHE and the Department of Health since 1st April 2013 relating to consumption of foods containing fructose per se and details of all contacts between and copies of all correspondence between PHE and the Department of Health since 1st April 2013 relating to consumption of foods containing fructose and any health claim that it lowers the rise in blood glucose compared to sucrose and glucose containing food and details of all contacts between and copies of all correspondence between PHE and the Department of Health since 1st April 2013 relating to the EC SCFCAH meeting of 4 February regarding the health claim on fructose as referenced in http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/scfcah/general_food/sum_0402_2013_en.pdf

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that PHE does not hold the information you have specified.

In your email dated 9 December 2013 you asked:

Could you please provide me with details of all contacts between and copies of all correspondence between PHE and DEFRA relating to consumption of foods containing fructose and the claim that it lowers the rise in blood glucose compared to sucrose and glucose containing food (as authorised by the health claim reported at <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/de/efsajournal/pub/2223.htm>.)

Furthermore and in addition could you please provide me with details of all contacts between and copies of all correspondence between PHE and the Food Standards Agency (FSA) relating to consumption of foods containing fructose and the claim that it lowers the rise in blood glucose compared to sucrose and glucose containing food (as authorised by the health claim reported at <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/de/efsajournal/pub/2223.htm>.)

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that PHE does not hold the information you have specified in either of these requests.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer them to me in the first instance. If you are dissatisfied with this response and would like to request an internal review, then please contact Mr George Stafford at the address above or by emailing complaints@phe.gov.uk.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE

complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator