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of Energy &
Climate Change

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Our ref: FOI 13/1615

26 November 2013

Dear

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 13 November in which you requested the following information:

"I would like to know information about meetings held by the Rt Hon Edward Davey MP, in the exercise of his position, between June 1st 2013 and October 18th 2013. Please include details on the name of individuals or organizations that he met with, the nature of the topics discussed, and the dates on which the meetings were held."

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested. However, some of the information is already in the public domain and is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act as we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. Details of Rt Hon Edward Davey's meetings during June 2013 is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/edward-daveys-meetings-with-external-organisations-april-to-june-2013>

Information on meetings between July 2013 and October 2013 is exempt under Section 22 of the FOI Act, because the information is intended for future publication. This information will be published shortly on the GOV.UK website at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?departments%5B%5D=department-of-energy-climate-change&publication_type=transparency-data

Section 22 is a qualified exemption and we have therefore considered the public interest test. There is a public interest in knowing details about ministerial meetings with external organisations as this leads to greater transparency in government. However, the best use of public resources would be applied in pulling this information together, ensuring the information is accurate and published in a consistent and comprehensive format, rather than issuing it in a piecemeal fashion. This information is still being checked prior to publication. Having considered the public interest test, the Department's decision is to withhold the information at this stage. Please be assured that the Department is committed to publishing this information at a future date.

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 at the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills who have a shared service level agreement with DECC to process and advise on our FOI requests.

Information Rights Unit
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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,