



Our ref: FOI 13/1414

06 November 2013

Dear

Thank you for your email of 09 October 2013 where you requested the following information:

1. *How many (a) civil servants and (b) ministers have been sent on external media training course in each of the past three years?*

*How much has been spent sending (a) civil servants and (b) ministers on external media training courses for each of the past three years?*

2. *How many (a) civil servants and (b) ministers have attended National School of Government training courses on appearing before Parliamentary Select Committees in each of the past three years?*

*How much has been spent sending (a) civil servants and (b) ministers to National School of Government training courses on appearing before Parliamentary Select Committees for each of the past three years?*

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).

Unfortunately your requests would exceed the limit prescribed in Regulations made pursuant to Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This limit is £600 and which represents the estimated cost of one person spending 24 working hours in determining whether the Department holds such information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Where the estimated cost is above this limit, we are not obliged to comply with a request.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about the information you wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. We would be happy to consider whether any revised request could be dealt with within the cost limit.

I can however confirm that the information you have requested in question 1 (b) is already in the public domain, and is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the Act as we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available on the following website:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/249459/foi\\_13\\_1240.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249459/foi_13_1240.pdf)

**Appeals procedure**



Department  
of Energy &  
Climate Change

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.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)).

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)  
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills  
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London  
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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

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours faithfully,