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**Our ref:** RFI 5748  
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Dear [redact]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: FUTERRA EXPENDITURE**

Thank you for your request for information about expenditure with Futerra, which we received on 29 August 2013. As you know we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The total amounts paid by Defra to Futerra Sustainability Communications by year are shown in the table below.

Financial Year	Total Expenditure (£)
2004/05	165,406
2005/06	171,396
2006/07	44,865
2007/08	19,270
2008/09	3,049
2009/10	11,566
2010/11	nil
2011/12	nil
2012/13	nil
2013/14(to end-July 2013)	nil

Based on the information in our financial systems, we cannot find any transactions that indicate Defra made a payment to Futerra in respect of the RE:Fashion awards.

It is possible that there was such a payment; however, if there was, it is not readily identifiable without referring to individual invoices. Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows us to refuse a request for information if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit, which currently stands at £600. On the basis of our estimates, we consider that the cost of tracking down such an invoice would exceed this limit and, as such, we are unable to comply with this element of your request.



In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA , and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours

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## Annex A

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## Annex B

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our website.

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