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Subject: RE: SMC funding

Dear Tom

Thanks for the good briefing.

I will ask my team (Paul, Craig, David) to discuss how we can line up ongoing DECC support.

All the best

David

From: Tom Sheldon REDACTED s40

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Dear David,

It was really good to see you at the SMC this week and I was really happy with how the briefing went.

In 2010 you were kind enough to arrange for DECC to provide a donation of £20k to the SMC, but it has never been an ongoing arrangement and I wondered if you and your colleagues might be able to reconsider that.

Our funding model ensures we receive small annual donations from about 100 organisations, none of which exceeds 5% so that we remain truly impartial. As you know, our only remit is responsible, evidence-based reporting in the news media, and over the last couple of years we have done a lot to achieve that on the subject of shale gas among others within the scope of your department.

As you know, much of our effort is focused on energy and climate change in any case, and I hope that we can continue to successfully work together on subjects such as shale gas and carbon emissions in future. But our operating costs have to be covered and a regular donation would be of great help.

Is there any chance we could revisit funding with you? I'm copying in my colleague Selina Hawkins who is in charge of fundraising here – she can provide any further information you need.

Thanks David and best wishes to all

Tom

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