



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: DEFRA WASTE/RECYCLING BINS AND RECYCLING FIGURES

Thank you for your request for information about waste and recycling in Defra which we received on 12th June. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested is as follows:

“Details about the number of waste bins and recycling bins at Defra head office, plus the latest available recycling figures for the department. That includes the past three years”

Office Bins for Defra Headquarters (Nobel House complex):

Type of waste bin	Number of bins (various sizes)
Landfill	59
Dry Mixed Recycling	58
Paper Recycling	56
Closed loop & Restricted Paper Recycling	147
Food waste	25

Bins to collate the waste from the above office bins:

Type of waste bin	Number of bins (various sizes)
Landfill	4
Dry Mixed Recycling	4
Paper Recycling	2
Card	1
Closed loop & Restricted Paper Recycling	N/A
Food waste	8

Recycling figures for the Department*:

Year	Recycled Waste (kg)
2010/11	294,450
2011/12	438,607
2012/13	337,893

**Figure includes all Core Defra Waste (London, York and Alwrick sites). Please note, total Departmental Performance against the Greening Government Commitments is available online at https://whitehall-admin.production.alpha.gov.co.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/198749/defra-ggc-performance.pdf*

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs, 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 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 sincerely,

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Annex A

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Annex B

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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