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Our ref: FOI 13/0544

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Dear

RE: Freedom of Information

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 April 2013 requesting information on bank accounts operated by DECC.

Specifically you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information act 2000, please disclose

Details of i) dormant bank accounts ii) accounts with a zero balance operated by the department since 2005.

I would like the response to include, for each year during the period, the number of accounts in each category, the amount held in dormant accounts, the amount paid in service and other charges, and the number subsequently closed.

Response

DECC was established on 3 October 2008. All bank accounts operated by DECC are reviewed on a regular basis and closed when they are no longer needed.

We assume a dormant account to be one that holds a balance but is not otherwise used for an extended time period of more than 5 years. DECC has had no such accounts.

DECC has one account which had a zero balance between December 2010 and April 2013. There is no additional charge to DECC for operating this account over and above the user charges for our main suite of accounts.

Appeal 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 Security & Information Rights Unit:

foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk

or

Security & Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
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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

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