



Department
of Energy &
Climate Change

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By e-mail to:

Dear

I refer to your e-mail of 4 September which made the following request:

"I would like to 1) ask a brief follow up question and 2) make a new FOI/EIR request

1) Minister Michael Fallon agrees to meet Cuadrilla in a letter dated 26 April 2013

Can you tell me when this meeting took place?

2) Under the relevant FOI/EIR regulations can you please can you provide me with all communication (letters, emails, phone calls etc) between secretary of state for energy and climate change Edward Davey or his private office and the company Cuadrilla, from 5 September 2012 to today's date. I specifically wish to include communication with Lord Browne, chair of Cuadrilla, whether or not he says he communicates in this or another capacity. I also request the notes of meetings held between the parties mentioned above."

Some of the information which you have requested constitutes environmental information for the purposes of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). However, to the extent that the information requested is not environmental we have also considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Accordingly, your request has been considered under the terms of the EIRs and FOIA.

In response to your first question, I can confirm that Mr Fallon met Cuadrilla on 24 June 2013. There is no recorded note of the meeting. With regard to question two, I can confirm that the Department holds correspondence which falls within the terms of your request, and that this has already been released under a separate FOI request which can be viewed on the Government website via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/contacts-with-lord-browne-of-madingley>

Appeals 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 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at: Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET. E-mail: foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk 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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