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Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 17 September 2012 in which you asked the following:

*"Any written advice and/or feedback given to Ed Miliband on media appearances, while he was Secretary of State at DECC. The request is intended to cover both correspondence from special advisers and departmental press officers."*

Regarding your request above, the Department wishes to be as open as possible in answering requests, and to help people obtain the information they are looking for. Unfortunately, we cannot provide all the information you have requested as your request is too wide and the effort to administer your request would exceed the limit prescribed in Regulations made pursuant to Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This limit is £600 and which represents the estimated cost of spending 24 working hours in determining whether the Department holds such information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Where the estimated cost is above this limit, we are not obliged to comply with a request.

In order to search for this information, we would need to go through many files and email boxes within our filing structure and we estimate that the amount of work required would take us over the limit referred to above.

The best way that we can help you is therefore to ask you to consider whether you could narrow down your request to focus on the precise information that you are seeking. You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. For example, you may be interested in a specific media appearance attended by Ed Miliband on a particular date.

[Appeals procedure](#)

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to request an internal review, please contact me.

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  
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,