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RE: Ref: 13/1545

Thank you for your XXX dated XXX, where you requested that DECC provide you with copies of all written correspondence between the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change Ed Davey and the following energy companies over the past year:

- I. EDF
- II. EON
- III. RWE
- IV. Scottish Power
- V. Scottish and Southern Energy
- VI. Shell
- VII. Statoil
- VIII. Cuadrilla
- IX. IGas
- X. BP
- XI. Centrica
- XII. Drax
- XIII. International Power
- XIV. GDF Suez

From our preliminary assessment, it is clear that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the cost limit of £600 provided under s12 of the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act'). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The Act provides that we are not obliged to comply with requests where the estimated cost of complying would exceed this limit.

In order to provide you with the information on the scale that you have requested would require vast searches of all forms of written correspondence across the whole Department including individual teams as well as Ministerial Private Offices and our central Correspondence Unit, in order to ensure that every piece of correspondence was picked up.

We estimate that it will take us in excess of 3.5 working days to determine the appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, your request will not be processed further.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope and being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, or which policy area within DECC you have a particular interest in, so that we are better able to retrieve the actual letters you require.

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 DECC Information Rights Unit (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 faithfully,

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