



Department
of Energy &
Climate Change

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Change**

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Your ref:
Our ref: **13/1810**

13th January 2014

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 22nd December 2013 requesting details on the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) expenditure on Christmas Parties.

Specifically you asked –

- how much the Office spent on this year's Christmas Party
- where it was held
- when it was held
- the cost of hiring the venue
- the cost of the food and drink and
- whether any entertainment was provided.

Additionally you asked how much the Office spent on Christmas decorations for their Office this year and how much was spent on buying and sending Christmas cards.

I can confirm that the Department of Energy and Climate Change did not host any Christmas or New Year parties paid from public funds last year nor were any official Christmas cards sent out from this Department.

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 Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0ET (☎: 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.