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**Your ref:**  
**Our ref:** FOI 13/1096

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### **RE: Freedom of Information**

Thank you for your e-mail of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013 requesting information on Department of Energy and Climate Change's "write-offs".

You specifically you asked for detailed accounts of the amount of money written-off during the last six financial years by the Department.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that DECC holds the information you have requested and this is provided in the Table below:-

Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
	£(k)	£(k)	£(k)	£(k)	£(k)	£(k)

Total Losses reported in published accounts	84	283	465	145	6,313	57
Write-offs included in the losses	Nil	173	16	4	5,196	20
		Irrecoverable debt relating to an unpaid exploratory licence, the company having entered into liquidation.	Irrecoverable debt relating to an unpaid petroleum licence, the company being unable to raise funds.	Irrecoverable debt relating to an unpaid petroleum licence debt as company had been liquidated.	Irrecoverable debts of which £166k was subsequently recovered. These relate to loans advanced to companies undertaking energy efficiency projects but were unable to pay as the companies entered into financial difficulties or had entered into administration.	Irrecoverable debts relating to loans advanced to companies undertaking energy efficiency projects but were unable to pay as the companies entered into financial difficulties or had entered into administration.

## 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 sent to: Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gov.uk) or by post to the Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Services), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, Victoria 3, 5th Floor, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.

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.