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Via email only:

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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Flags

Thank you for your request for information about *the amount of money, if any, has been spent by The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on flags in each of the past five years*, which we received on 9 January 2014. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

'I confirm that it is a 'nil response' as no monies have been spent in each of the last five years on flags' by The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

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I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us.

Yours

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Annex A

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