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Dear

Thank you for your email of 30 September 2013 where you requested the following information:

(1) How much money from the government budget has been allocated, and is yet to be allocated according to current government plans, for bilateral financing commitments in each of the year's FY2013 and FY2014 to developing countries as climate finance, to support climate-relevant measures, projects or programmes. What is the split between adaptation, mitigation and REDD+? What plans exist for FY2015?

(2) How much money is the government paying, or planning to pay, into which climate-related multilateral funds in each of the year's FY2013 and FY2014, and, in the case of multi-purpose funds, what does the government estimate to be the climate-component of (planned) payments?

(3) How much of the above does the government consider as fast start finance (i.e. measures/programmes or finance allocations that were delayed beyond the fast start period)?

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 the Department holds some of the information you have requested. The information you requested is as follows.



1. The total amount of funds the UK has allocated to climate finance is in the public domain. In the 2010 Spending Round for the period 2011/12 to 2014/15 the Government has committed £2.9 billion for International Climate Finance to drive urgent action to tackle climate change by supporting low carbon growth and adaptation in developing countries. This covers both bilateral and multilateral spending. The breakdown of bilateral and multilateral spend in 2010-2012 can be found in the latest UK Fast Start Climate Change Finance brochure, published in May 2013, and available at the following webpage link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fast-start-climate-change-finance-final-brochure>

Of the allocation to the total International Climate Fund for this spending round, £994 million has been allocated in the first two years, leaving £1.906 billion remaining. The split between thematic areas for the total Fund is expected to be as follows: 50% on adaptation, 30% on mitigation and 20% on protecting forests; this balance is kept under review. In the recent 2013 Spending Round, the Government increased the pool of money for the International Climate Fund by £969 million for 2015/16.

2. In 2013 to date, DECC has paid £14m to a bilateral programme (Get Fit Uganda) and £29m to the multilateral Clean Technology Fund. These are both mitigation programmes. DECC expects to allocate its full £400m budget in 2013. When decisions are taken to disburse finance for further bilateral and multilateral activities, this information will be publicly available. The rest of the information for government spend on international climate finance is held by DFID and Defra. We note you have already contacted DFID. Defra can be contacted via the following e-mail address - defra.helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk.
3. "Fast Start" was a commitment made by developed countries at the Copenhagen climate conference to provide new and additional resources approaching \$30 billion to help meet the adaptation and mitigation needs of developing countries. The UK Government fulfilled its "Fast Start" commitment to provide £1.5 billion climate finance between 2010 and 2012 on time, and so none of the spending from the International Climate Fund in 2013/14 or 2014/15 will count towards this target.

Appeals 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 the Information Rights Unit at:



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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 sincerely,

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