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Dear ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: RETENTION PAYMENTS

Thank you for your request for information about retention payments, which we received on 30 July 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act would you please provide:

- 1. The names of staff employed by the Department (and its agencies) who received retention payments in 2012/13*
- 2. The size of these retention payments*

Please restrict this request to senior staff - namely those whose names and salaries are listed in 2012/13 annual reports.”

The information you requested is as follows:

None of Defra’s senior staff received a retention payment in 2012/13.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

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 me.



Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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Annex B

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