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22 October 2013

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2013 where you requested the following information:

1) I would like to know the number of people who are currently on secondment from DECC, including the Office for Unconventional Oil and Gas (OUGO), to the oil and gas industry. For each secondee, please provide the following additional information:

- I. The position of the secondee at the company*
- II. The name of the company that they are seconded to*
- III. The duration of the secondment, including the start date and end date of the secondment*
- IV. The DECC policy team the secondee worked at before the secondment*
- V. The position of the official to whom the secondee reports to at the company*

2) Please state how many individuals from external organisations are currently on secondment within DECC. For each secondee please state the name of their home organisation.

3) For each secondee from the oil and gas industry please provide the following information:

- I. The position of the secondee at DECC*
- I. The company that the secondee is from*
- II. The duration of the secondment, including the start date and end date of the secondment*
- III. The DECC policy team they are currently working at*
- IV. The position of the DECC official to whom the secondee reports to*

I would like to clarify by what is meant by the oil and gas industry. They include the following companies such as (but are not limited to):

- Cuadrilla*
- IGas*
- Coastal Oil & Gas Ltd*
- UK Methane*
- Dart Energy*
- RWE*

It also includes the following energy companies (but not limited to):

- British Gas*
- EDF Energy*
- E.ON UK*
- npower*
- Scottish Power*
- SSE*

And the following oil companies (but not limited to):

- Shell*
- BP*
- ConocoPhillips*

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Although you have stated you have requested information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs'), we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) as the information you have sought disclosure of, in our view, does not fall within the definition of 'environmental information', as stated in the EIRs.

The information you requested is available and is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. The information you requested is available on the following websites

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/secondees>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/decc-staff-seconded-to-any-of-the-big-six-energy-companies>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/secondees-from-external-organisations-to-decc>.

Under FOI Section 21 of the Act (Information accessible by other means) we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) does not hold the information you have requested in bullet (1 v), relating to the person the secondee reports to at the company.

In bullet (3 iv), all secondees will report to the head of the directorate in which they are working. This can be found on the appendix of the responses we have referred you to above.

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 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk).

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
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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 Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.