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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Briefings to the Secretary of State, Owen Paterson, on Climate Change Science

Thank you for your request for information about all briefings given to the Secretary of State, Owen Paterson, on the subject of the science of climate change, from 3rd September 2012 to the present. Your request was handled request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

From the 3rd of September 2012 until the date of your request, the Secretary of State has received two briefings on the science of climate change: (1) climate change presentation; and (2) IPCC 5th assessment report. Both briefings are attached for your perusal. No other briefings pertaining to the science of climate change have been sent to the Secretary of State.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

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