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Dear

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 5 April 2013 where you requested the following information:

- *How much DECC spent between i) 3 October 2008 and 11 May 2010 or ii) 18 November 2009 and 11 May 2010 on providing a government car for travel to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change either on an annual or financial year basis?*
- *What vehicle make and model was provided to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change between i) 3 October 2008 and 11 May 2010 or ii) 18 November 2009 and 11 May 2010 to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change either on an annual or financial year basis?*
- *What was the carbon footprint in CO2 equivalent of the journeys made in a government car between i) 3 October 2008 and 11 May 2010 or ii) 18 November 2009 and 11 May 2010 by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change either on an annual or financial year basis?*
- *How many litres of petrol were consumed by journeys made in made in a government car between i) 3 October 2008 and 11 May 2010 or ii) 18 November 2009 and 11 May 2010 by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change either on an annual or financial year basis?*

I refer to your first question, some parts of this information are not held by the Department. Information between October 2008 and March 2009 is not held.

This information may be requested from the Government Car Service at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-car-service>

DECC holds relevant information from April 2009 to May 2010. However that information is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 21 exempts information from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Each year a written Ministerial statement is laid in the House of Commons on the cost of Government Cars for the previous financial year, and you will find the information you have requested there. The current statements can be found at the following links:

2009-10

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101028/wmstext/101028m0001.htm>

2010-11

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201212/cmhansrd/cm120116/wmstext/120116m0001.htm>

2011-12

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121220/wmstext/121220m0001.htm>

Regarding your second question of the vehicle make and model, this was a Toyota Prius hybrid vehicle. Further information may be requested from the Government Car Service at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-car-service>

I refer to your third question about "*the carbon footprint in CO2 equivalent of the journeys made in a government car...*" Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Department.

Finally, in your fourth question, you requested "*How many litres of petrol were consumed by journeys made in a government car...*" Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Department.

Further information about use of ministerial cars is available in the Ministerial Code on use of official cars on page 23, paragraph 10.12. Click link at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/ministerial-code-may-2010.pdf>

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

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Yours sincerely