



Via: e-mail only

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Date: 16/10/2013

Dear XXXXX,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: FUEL BILLS

Thank you for your request for information about gas and electricity in Defra, which we received on 10th October 2013. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In response to your questions:

1. What is the fuel bill for both gas and electricity at your HQ building for the financial year 2012-2013?

Nobel House HQ

Gas: £95,071.42

Electricity: £164,996.10

Total: **£260,067.52**

2. Who is your energy supplier for gas and electricity to your HQ?

EDF supply electricity and Corona supply gas. Both contracts have been let through the Government Procurement Service's Energy Framework. All Government Departments are mandated to use this framework for procurement of electricity and gas.

3. What tariff are you currently signed up to?

This is through the GPS Energy Framework, the GPS are responsible for the procurement of energy on Defra's behalf. More information on the framework can be found at:

<http://gps.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/energy>

4. How do you guarantee the best price for energy?



The GPS Energy Framework is the largest aggregated energy buyer in the UK spending £1.4 billion on energy for over 1400 customers. Best value is achieved through economies of scale and best practice procurement routes.

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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,

Defra Estates

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Annex A

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Annex B

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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