



Department
of Energy &
Climate Change

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Dear

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 4 July 2013 in which you asked the following:

"I wish to request, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, that you release details of any overseas trips undertaken by the Secretary of State in 2009.

Details should be as extensive as possible and should ideally give information about countries visited and the purpose of such trips."

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested. However, the information is already in the public domain and is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the Act as we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available at the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministers-overseas-travel>

All ministerial meetings and overseas visits are now published quarterly on the DECC area of the Gov.UK website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?departments%5B%5D=department-of-energy-climate-change&publication_type=transparency-data

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 should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gov.uk) or by post to

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Services),
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills,
Victoria 3, 5th Floor, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.

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 Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,