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Our ref: FOI 14/ 0365

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Dear **Redacted**

**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email of 25 February in which you asked for the following:

*"I would like to know how many ministers and officials from DECC and the bodies for which it is responsible attended the Brit Awards 2014.  
Please can you could provide the names of the ministers who attended and the job title of officials who attended too?"*

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).

**DECC Ministerial attendance at the Brit Awards 2014**

In response to this part of your request I can inform you that no DECC Minister attended the Brit Awards 2014.

**DECC Special Advisers and Senior Officials attendance at the Brit Awards 2014**

Details of hospitality received by Special Advisors and senior officials are published on the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website on a quarterly basis. Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts this information. This is because the information is intended for publication at a future date. We appreciate that there is a public interest in seeing information about hospitality received by Special Advisors and senior officials as this leads to greater transparency in government. However, the best use of public resources would be applied in



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pulling this information together, ensuring the information is accurate and published in a consistent and comprehensive format, rather than issuing it in a piecemeal fashion. This information is being checked prior to publication. Please be assured that the Department is committed to publishing this information. Having considered the public interest test, the Department's decision is to withhold the requested information.

Once published this information will be accessible at the following link:  
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### **DECC's other Bodies and Junior Officials attendance at the the Brit Awards 2014**

With regard to DECC's other bodies and its junior officials, an attempt to answer this part of your request will exceed the cost limit of £600 provided under s12 of the Freedom of Information Act ("The Act"). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The Act provides that we are not obliged to comply with requests where the estimated cost of complying would exceed this limit.

In order to provide you with the information on the scale that you have requested would require a search of the records and calendars of all officials across the whole department and its bodies. We estimate that it will take us in excess of 3.5 working days to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. You could for example specify a particular area of the Department which you believe may have had an interest in attending the Brit Awards.

### **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.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)).

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.



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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,

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