



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

T:
helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk
www.gov.uk/defra

Our ref: RFI 6312
Date: 17 March 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: ON THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE
UK AIR QUALITY DIVISION IN DEFRA**

Thank you for your request for information about the team covering air quality within Defra, which we received on 17 February 2014. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Provided below are answers to the questions that you have raised. Taking them in turn:

Which division in Defra is working for the air quality system?

Monitoring of air quality and the development of air quality policy in Defra is covered by the Atmosphere and Noise team in Resource, Atmosphere and Sustainability portfolio.

Could you give the organizational chart of the division to me?

The Atmosphere and Noise organogram is provided in the attached document "AN Organogram". Please note that the personal details of individuals have been redacted. It is also important to note that the organogram does not include all the team members but rather shows the broad structure of the team.

How many people are working for the division related the air quality system?

The Atmosphere and Noise team are made up of the equivalent of 33.3 full time equivalents. It should be noted that as a number of the team work part-time the total number of people will be higher than this figure.

How many people are civil servant among them?



INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE

All the members of the Atmosphere and Noise team are civil servants.

And how much is the budget for the division?

In 2013/14 the Atmosphere and Noise budget was £26.8 million. This budget covers the cost of the team as set out above, the evidence budget alongside operating and maintaining the air quality monitoring and modelling.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

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


Senior Economic Adviser

Atmosphere and Noise

Annex A

Copyright

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including for private study and non-commercial research, and for any other purpose authorised by an exception in current copyright law. Documents (except photographs or logos) can be also used in the UK without requiring permission for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder.

Most documents produced by Defra will be protected by Crown Copyright. Most Crown copyright information can be re-used under the Open Government Licence. For information about the OGL and about re-using Crown Copyright information please see The National Archives website.

Copyright in other documents may rest with a third party. For information about obtaining permission from a third party see the Intellectual Property Office's website.

Annex B

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our website.

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:

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

