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Our ref: FOI 14/0371

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Dear **Redacted**

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 26 February in which you asked for the following:

"I would like to make a request to the Department for Energy and Climate Change under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information.

All correspondence, including email correspondence, between the Department's special advisors and the Liberal Democrat Party, including but not limited to all emails to and from addresses ending @libdems.org.uk, since 1 January 2014.

I would prefer to receive this information electronically.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all non-exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to charge excessive fees. "

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).



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Regarding your request above, the Department wishes to be as open as possible in answering requests, and to help people obtain the information they are looking for. Unfortunately, we cannot provide the information you have requested as your request is too wide and the effort to administer your request would exceed the limit prescribed in Regulations made pursuant to Section 12 of the Act. This limit is £600 which 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 search for this information, we would need to go through a number of files and email boxes within our filing structure to determine if any information was held by the Department falling within scope of your request. We estimate that the amount of work required would take us over the limit referred to above.

The best way that we can help you is therefore to ask you to consider whether you could narrow down your request to focus on the precise information that you are seeking. You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. For example state the specific subject you wish to know about and any particular date/s concerned.

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).

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
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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,



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