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Our ref: FOI 13/1682

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Dear **REDACTED**

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 26 November in which you requested the following information:

"I'd like to ask as a new FOI for the disclosure of all correspondence relating to the handling of this FOI response."

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 we hold information within scope of your request and this is attached. Some information has been redacted and is withheld in accordance with Section 40(2) of the Act. Section 40(2) provides an absolute exemption for personal data which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act. Personal data of third parties can only be disclosed in accordance with the data protection principles. In particular, the first data protection principle requires that disclosure must be fair and lawful and must comply with one of the



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conditions in Schedule 2 of the Data Protection Act. We do not think that it is fair to release the names of junior members of staff or third parties and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

You will notice that we have also removed your personal information. This is because any information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed into the public domain and this has been done to protect your personal information from general disclosure.

You may also wish to be aware that prior to receiving your request we had received other similar FOI requests asking about correspondence from Michael Fallon to himself in his capacity as Minister of State in both BIS and DECC. As a result we had already conducted a search of our paper and electronic records which confirmed that the information is not held.

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)
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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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