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Dear,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: LIFE COACHING

Thank you for your request for information about life coaching, which we received on 31 December 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

"I am requesting information under the freedom of information act.

I would like to know how much your department spends of Life/Executive coaching per year.

I would like to know how the spend is broken down, the procedure of appointing a life coach firm and who within your department is entitled to be coached."

The information you requested is as follows:

Defra does not support life coaching or executive coaching for its staff, therefore the spend is nil. However we do support business performance coaching, which has a specific focus towards delivering Defra's business objectives, and is open to all our staff.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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 sincerely,

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Annex A

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