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Our ref: 14/26964

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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 26th November 2014 requesting details of the Department of Energy and Climate Change's expenditure on advertising in national newspapers in the last year.

You specifically asked for:-

1. a breakdown of expenditure indicating how much was spent at which newspapers; and
2. which newspapers had been advertised in the most.

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 the Department does not hold the information you have .

The Department's advertising is generally handled by external third parties and may take the form of on-line and other digital media as well as newspaper advertising. As a consequence, our electronic records system does not hold information on all newspaper advertisements that may have been placed.

You may wish to be aware that the Department, under the coalition government's "Transparency Agenda", also publishes a monthly list of financial transactions in excess of £500 on the DECC website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/departmental-spend-over-500-october-2014>).

Appeal 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 department. 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.