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Our ref: FOI2014/24586

1 December 2014

Dear **Redacted**

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email of 3 November in which you asked for the following:

*“Please provide the number of Ministers currently signed up to support a charity from pay, via a Payroll Giving/ Give As You Earn scheme.”*

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).

The Department has considered your request carefully, and considers that its duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Act to inform you whether it holds the information you have requested does not apply, by virtue of Section 40(5)(b)(i). Whether or not a Minister supports a charity by making a payment from his or her pay is a personal matter and confirming or denying whether the Department holds such information would itself breach the data protection principles.

### **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](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)).

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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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