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By email

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Dear ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Role of the Head of Sustainable Development

Thank you for your request for information about the role of the Head of Sustainable Development (SD) which we received on 17th June 2014. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

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Ian Davidson is currently Head of Sustainable Development in Defra. The roles of Head of SD (HoSD) and Head of Sustainable Business (HoSB) have a different focus. Ian Davidson's team works largely within Government to mainstream SD into Government policies, estates and operations. The HoSB role focuses more externally, helping businesses and others to be more resource efficient, reduce waste and make more sustainable products (and leads for Defra on climate change mitigation and adaptation).

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I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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Yours

Sustainable Development Unit

Annex A

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