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Dear Sir or Madam

Request for Information: Air Pollution

Thank you for your email request for information about air pollution, which we received on 22 April. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. You asked for:

- A copy of the minutes of the Secretary of State's meeting with the Mayor of London on 1 May 2013 to discuss air quality, as well as the minutes of any subsequent meetings on this subject
- Copies of correspondence between the Secretary of State and the Mayor of London on air quality/air pollution in the last two years

I have established that no record was kept of the meeting of 1 May 2013 and I am therefore unable to provide the information you have requested. There has been no subsequent meeting on this subject.

On your request for copies of correspondence between the Secretary of State and the Mayor of London, I have provided in the attached zip file, copies of letters (8 in total) dated; 18 June 2012, 5 July 2012, 25 September 2012, November 2012, August 2013, 1 August 2013, 4 March 2014 and April 2014.

Please note that some of this information has been withheld for the following reasons:

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I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.



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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

Annex A

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