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Dear

Thank you for your email of 2 July 2014 requesting information about meetings with the USA, China and India. Specifically, you requested “to know how many meetings and phone calls Peter Betts and Ben Lyon have had with representatives from the USA, China and India in the past 12 months.” Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (‘the Act’).

Under the FOI 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 would like to inform you that we have undertaken a review of the international meetings and calls that Peter Betts and/ or I have had in the last 12 months with the USA, China and India. Both Peter Betts and I attend a large number of international meetings at which representatives of the US, Chinese and Indian governments are also present. These include all UNFCCC negotiating sessions, and related meetings, as well as other such international meetings, including the Major Economies Forum, by way of one example. At these, Peter Betts and I will always engage with our US, Chinese and Indian counterparts so there are many engagements, meetings and discussions throughout the year. In addition, Peter Betts also undertook specific visits to New York and Washington (in September 2013 and June 2014 respectively) and New Delhi (in January 2014) where he met counterparts. It is not possible to specify exactly the actual number of meetings where we spoke with our US, Chinese or Indian counterparts, or phone calls made, as we do not retain information or records that would have these details.

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 sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
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E-mail: foi.requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk

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
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Yours sincerely,

Ben Lyon

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