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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: DEFRA SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE STAFF WORKING FOR THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

Thank you for your request for information about Defra Senior Civil Service staff working for the National Farmers Union, which we received on 26 May 2014. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

"Please could you tell me how many of the 100 most senior staff at DEFRA have worked for the National Farmer's Union?"

The information you requested is as follows:

All 103 core Defra Senior Civil Service staff have been contacted and all but two have responded that they have never worked for the National Farmers Union. The two people who have not responded are currently unavailable and therefore I am unable to include their responses.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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

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

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Annex A

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Annex B

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