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**Our ref:** RFI 6920  
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Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: STAFF EMPLOYED SIGNED UP TO CHARITY GIVING**

Thank you for your request for information about staff employed in Defra who have signed up to charity giving, which we received on 28 September 2014. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

*“how many staff you currently employ and the number of these staff that are signed up to support a charity from pay, via a Payroll Giving/ Give As You Earn scheme.”*

The information you requested is as follows:

As at 31 August 2014, core Defra (i.e. excluding the five Executive Agencies) employed 2,081 staff. Of these, 132 staff contributed through Give As You Earn.

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,

**Defra FOIA and EIRs Team**

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

### **Complaints**

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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