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Our ref: FOI 14/0519

24 April 2014

Dear **Redacted**

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 25 March in which you asked for the following:

Thank you for your reply to my Freedom of Information Act request ref: FOI 14/0371, which I received on 24 March 2014. I asked for all correspondence between the Department for Energy and Climate Change's special advisors and the Liberal Democrat Party, including but not limited to all emails to and from addresses ending @libdems.org.uk, since 1 January 2014. I understand that you consider this request too wide. I would therefore like to narrow my request down, restricting it in the following three ways:

- only email correspondence;
- only between either of the Department for Energy and Climate Change's special advisors Chris Nicholson and Paul Hodgson and the Liberal Democrat Party;
- only during the two-week period between the dates Friday 7 February 2014 and Friday 21 February 2014.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the 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).

Your revised request has been considered. I have carried out a search of our electronic and paper records and I can confirm that we do not hold any information within scope of your request.

You may wish to be aware that Special Advisers may communicate with their respective political party for private political reasons. Any correspondence or emails which do not concern the Department's business are not held by DECC under the provisions of the Act.



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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 addressed to the Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk).

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
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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, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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