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Our ref: FOI 14/ 0448

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Dear **Redacted**

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 12 March in which you asked for the following:

"I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I understand my request will take 20 working days to process but I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt via Christopher.hastings@mailonsunday.co.uk

Of course I understand you may have to re-allocate the request as a request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 if environmental information is involved. I note the presumption for disclosure under the EIRs.

Please note that this particular request has been submitted in the light of today's decision by the Court of Appeal which relates to communications with the Prince of Wales.

Please note that I am only interested in that correspondence and communications (including emails) which cover the period 1 November 2002 to the 1 July 2003.

It is my contention that the relevant FOI exemptions will not cover correspondence and communications which relate to the issue of Prince's consent and or which involve the Prince raising and or highlighting issues, policies and concerns of interest to him. I do not accept that disclosure in these circumstances touches upon the Prince's constitutional position.

I also believe that the department should be able to collate the information within the time and cost constraints laid down by the FOI Act and EIRs. It is likely that it has already collated this information in the light of other requests.

1...During the aforementioned period did His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales exchange correspondence and communications (including emails) with the Secretary of State (s) in your department. If the answer is yes can you please provide copies of



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this material including emails. Please note that I am interested in receiving both sides of any correspondence and communications.

2...During the aforementioned period did His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales exchange correspondence and communications with any Minister (s) working in the department. If the answer to this question is yes could you please provide copies of the correspondence and communications including emails. Please note that I am interested in receiving both sides of any correspondence and communications."

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).

The Department of Energy and Climate Change was established in 2008. The Department does not hold any information within scope of your request.

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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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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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