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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Costs of Consultancy

Thank you for your request for information regarding the Department's spend on consultancy costs for the financial year 2013/14, which we received on 25 July 2014. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for the following for the financial year 2013/14:

- a breakdown of consultancy costs
- a list of organisations, companies and agencies that provided a consultancy service to Defra.
- a short description of the consultancy service, including the start and end date of the consultancy service; and
- the value of that consultancy service.

You requested that we provide this information in the same way that the Department of Work and Pensions.

Defra publishes details of expenditure on consultancy in its Annual Report and Accounts. The figures for 2013/14 can be found on page 59 at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/336100/defra-year-end-accounts-2013-14.pdf



The enclosed spreadsheet sets out details of the consultancy firms with which Defra had a contract in place for 2013/14, in the format used by DWP as you requested. The amounts shown are the maximum contract values across the life of each contract.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

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 the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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