



Department
of Energy &
Climate Change

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Change**

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Our ref. EIR 2014 24718

2 December 2014

Dear

Re: Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 4th November 2014 to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), in which you requested the following information:

Please supply the following under FOI

1) Total expenditure by the Govt on :-

- a) Climate research*
- b) Research into the effects and impacts of climate change*
- c) Research into mitigation of climate change/reducing GHG emissions.*

Such expenditure to include funding by research councils.

We have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') as the information you have sought disclosure of, does in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

We are writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that the information you requested on expenditure across the whole of Government is not held by this Department.

We would also note that your request does not specify any timeframe for the expenditure. Under EIR Regulation 12(4)(c), a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for environmental information if the request is formulated in too general a manner.

DECC does hold information on its own expenditure on climate research and the following published information is provided, which we hope is helpful to you.



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In 2012 – 13, estimated expenditure by DECC on the three areas of research that you listed in your request, was approximately:

a) Climate research and b) Research into the effects and impacts of climate change - £15million in total.

c) Research into mitigation of climate change/reducing GHG emissions - £34million.

These figures are taken from the document *Developing DECC's Evidence Base*¹, published in January 2014, which sets out the Department's multidisciplinary evidence needs over the next 3-5 years.

The £34million for research under (c) includes all other DECC-funded research to support policy-relevant advice, and support for innovation programmes to bring forward low carbon energy systems and reduce energy use.

Due to the nature of the information that you are seeking, you may wish to write to other individual Government departments which you think may hold relevant information and also to Research Councils UK, about 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 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights Unit
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0ET
E-mail: foi.requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk

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

¹ Source: Developing DECC's Evidence Base, January 2014.
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/270126/FINALDeveloping_DECCs_Evidence_Base.pdf



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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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