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OF VETERINARY MEDICINES

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**ATI 303**

**Request**

**From:** [Redacted under section 40 of the FOIA]

**Sent:** 19 June 2014

**Subject:** Freedom of Information request

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a request under the freedom of information act 2000.

I would like to obtain full, itemised expenses claims for your chief executive and senior management team for the last three full financial years. I would prefer to receive this in the form of an excel spreadsheet file if possible.

If time constraints make it challenging for you to provide information for the last three years I respectfully request that you focus on providing information for the 2013-14 financial year. Similarly, if you are only able to release some of the information I would ask that you release this data rather than withhold the entire set.

If the decision is made to withhold some of this data using exemptions in the act, please inform me of that fact and cite the exemptions used.

Please discuss any problems with processing this request with me by phone or email before deciding to reject it outright. Similarly, if you require any more clarification do not hesitate to contact me.

Please can you confirm that you have received this request.

## VMD Reply

**Sent:** 23 June 2014

**To:** [Redacted under section 40 of the FOIA]

**Subject:** Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email below dated 19 June 2014 to the Veterinary Products Committee (VPC) email mailbox.

We are dealing with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Your Request

You asked for full, itemised expenses claims for the VPC's chief executive and senior management team for the last three full financial years.

### Our Reply

It may help if I explain that the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD), for whom I work, is a small Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). Its aim is to protect public health, animal health and the environment and promote animal welfare by assuring the safety, quality and efficacy of veterinary medicines.

VMD staff provide administrative support to the VPC, which is an independent scientific advisory committee. It does not have a chief executive or a senior management team but comprises a Chair and (currently) 23 members. Our reply then on the VPC's behalf is that, as such, we do not have any information relating to your request.

However, the VPC publishes an annual report which includes the cost of the Committee. You can find the 2013 report at

<http://www.vmd.defra.gov.uk/vpc/reports.aspx>

### Our Service

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this e-mail. If you would like to request an internal review please write to [Redacted under section 40 of the FOIA] at the VMD via [ati@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ati@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk). 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

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