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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: OCCASIONS OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Thank you for your email of Thursday 20 March 2014 requesting information about the number of occasions of non-compliance that have been disclosed to Defra by businesses applying for public sector contracts. This was in reference to Procurement Policy Note: Measures to Promote Tax Compliance (Action Note 06/13). You have also requested information in how many cases has the disclosure of any tax avoidance by businesses resulted in a decision to exclude the business from the procurement process in the period from 1 April 2013 to 28 February 2014..

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

There have been no occasions of non-compliance during the period from 1 April 2013 to 28 February 2014.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to David Waller, Head of Public Request fro Information Advice Service Team at Area G07, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square London, SW1P 3JR, (email: requestforinformation@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

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. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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