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Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Our ref: RFI 6572  
Date: 05/06/2014

Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:** For copies of all documents relating to the drafting and circulation of the submission (dated the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010) requesting ministerial approval to publish the WWT Lead shot compliance research project and a breakdown of all the invoices and payments made during the project

Thank you for your request for:

- A) copies of all documents relating to the drafting and circulation of the request for ministerial approval to publish the WWT Lead shot compliance report dated 18th Oct 2010
- B) a breakdown of all the invoices and payments made during the compliance study

We have handled your request, which was received on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Following careful consideration, we have decided not to disclose some of this information.

I enclose a copy of the information which can be disclosed:

- A draft version of the submission created on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010
- Email chain dated the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014
- A breakdown of the milestone payments made during the project



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In relation to part A of your request the names of junior government officials have been redacted, the reasons for this are explained in a previous response to you dated the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and referenced as RFI 5663. Please note that the email chain dated the 4<sup>th</sup> June refers to further correspondence, on further interrogation it was confirmed that these files were no longer held.

In relation to part B of your request the remainder of the information requested is being withheld as it falls under the exception in regulation 12(5)(e) of the EIRs, which relates to confidentiality of commercial or industrial information. Please refer to our previous response to your query dated the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (ref RFI 4819) which outlines why this information has not been disclosed.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs, 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](http://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 me.

Yours

  
Wild birds policy officer

## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you 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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