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Dear

I am writing in response to your email of 3 September 2014 in which you made a Freedom of Information Request relating to claims for compensation for Noise Induced Hearing Loss received by DECC. DECC is responsible for dealing with claims for compensation from former mineworkers in its role as the inheritor of the liabilities of the former nationalised coal industry.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested. The information you requested is shown in the following table. I have also provided information about the number of claims paid in order to provide a more accurate picture of the average level of compensation.

Financial Year	Number of Claims Received	Number of Claims Paid	Compensation Paid
2014/15 (as at 31/7/14)	902	435	£961,005
2013/14	3589	1393	£3,033,947
2012/13	4081	953	£2,204,861
2011/12	2658	366	£827,065

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 two months 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 (DECC Shared Service)
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.

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,

Coal Liabilities Unit