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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Correspondence between Defra Ministers and The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP

Thank you for your request for information about communications and meetings between Defra Ministers and The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP between 01/05/2010 and 01/07/2014, which we received on 21/07/2014. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I have attached copies of correspondence as specified in your request and have redacted information where personal data is mentioned under section 40(2) of the FOIA.

Section 40(2) of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). We have no record of any meetings.

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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 sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Defra FOI and EIRs Team

[Redacted contact information]

Annex A

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