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Your ref: 00DEF852

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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Correspondence or meetings with Professor Richard Tol

Thank you for your request for information about information/documentation detailing correspondence or meetings between the Department and Professor Richard Tol, between January 1st 2012 and the date of your request, which we received on 9th June. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulation 2004 (EIRs) as the information you have sight disclosure of does, in our view, fall within the definition of 'environment information' as states in the EIRs.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information that you have requested is not held by Defra.

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,

Climate Ready Evidence and Analysis





<u>Annex</u>

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 under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: requestforinfo@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, 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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