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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Payments made to the Performing Rights Society and PPL

Thank you for your request for information about payments made to the Performing Rights Society and PPL. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

Please could you provide me with the following:

1. How much money has been paid to the Performing Rights Society by the department over the past five calendar years (up to and including May 2014)? Please could you break this information down year-by-year.
2. How much money has been paid to the PPL (formerly known as Phonographic Performance Limited) by the department over the past five calendar years (up to and including May 2014)? Please could you break this information down year-by-year.

In response:

Financial information is normally reported in financial years (April to March) rather than calendar years. Defra made no payments to the Performing Rights Society or to PPL in the financial years 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2013. Information relating to 2013/14 will be available in July 2014, once the Department's accounts for this period have been audited and published.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless



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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

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Annex A

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