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RE: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email of 11 September where you have requested the following information:

We would like to know how many press requests for filmed interviews the Minister for DECC, Matthew Hancock, has received from the period 4th August 2014 until 11th September 2014. We would also like to know how many of these requests he has granted - i.e. how many filmed interviews the minister has given in this period.

Furthermore, we also request the information, up until and as of the date 11th September 2014, and no later, how many filmed press interview requests have been submitted to the Minister for the period 11th - 30th September 2014. We would also like to know up until and as of the date 11th September 2014, and no later, how many filmed press interview requests have been scheduled for the Minister for the period 11th - 30th September 2014.

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).

This response does not include any requests made to Matthew Hancock for print interviews, or requests for written comment.

This response does not include interview requests made to Matthew Hancock in his role as:

- Minister for Skills at the Department for Business
- Minister for Portsmouth
- MP for West Suffolk



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DECC does not hold records for Matthew Hancock in these other roles.

This list is not exhaustive. We do not keep written records of all interview requests or all interviews undertaken.

You requested information about on-camera interview requests between the period of between 4th August 2014 until 11th September 2014. During this time the House rose on 22 July for recess, and returned on 1 September. Parliament does not sit all year round. During recess periods, Members can carry out their other duties.

The Minister received six on-camera interview requests in this period. He accepted one, declined five.

You requested information about on-camera interview requests for the Minister for the period 11th - 30th September 2014. During this time the House rose on 12 September for recess and will return on 13 October

The Minister received one on-camera interview request in this period. This was declined.

It is common practice to offer alternative spokespeople and / or a Government statement and / or background information when an interview request is declined.

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 addressed to the Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk).

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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