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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Social Media Costs

Thank you for your request for information about social media costs which we received on 20 June 2014. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The total costs for Communications Social Media training held since April 2013 in Defra totals £2,418. Information prior to April 2013 is not held.

There are no staff employed by the department who spend 50% of their time or more monitoring or updating social media.

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 exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

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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