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Our ref: FOI2014/22926

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Dear **Redacted**

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email of 14 October in which you asked for the following:

*'I would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding the Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change Matthew Hancock.*

*Specifically, I am interested as to whether Mr Hancock has attended any equality training/briefing sessions following a Tweet on his Twitter feed which appeared on Tuesday 2nd October, before being deleted.*

*For reference, the Tweet was a retweet, which read:*

*"The party run by young Ed  
Is quietly going quite dead  
Bereft of ideas  
Quite full of queers  
No wonder the faithful have fled".'*

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).

I have carried out a search of our electronic and paper records and I have established that the Department does not hold any information within scope of your request.



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**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](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)).

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)  
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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