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Your ref:  
Our ref: 14/24205

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 29th October 2014 requesting information on the Department of Energy & Climate Change's spend with the Behavioural Insights Team (BIT). 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 can confirm that the Department does hold such information in response to your question asking about the Department's work with the Behavioural Insights Team (BIT). Specifically you asked to be provided with:-

- a list of contracts awarded to the BIT showing the nature of the services provided;
- the approximate value of each contract;
- payments in each financial year to date under each contract;
- total payments to the BIT each year if different to the sum of the amounts above and;
- information on how each contract was awarded including where it was advertised.

In the first Quarter of this year (2014-15), two payments have been made to BIT in respect of trials recently carried-out.

One relates to a design and evaluation of the John Lewis trial undertaken by BIT at the Cabinet Office - 29 October 2013 at a cost of £32k; the other relates to BIT's support for the Newcastle Heating Controls trial at a cost of £35k.

You may wish to note that both of these reports on the Behavioural Insights Team's later work is published on the government website:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/evaluation-of-the-decc-and-johnlewis-energy-labelling-trial>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/advice-on-how-to-use-heatingcontrols-evaluation-of-a-trial-in-newcastle>

### **Appeal 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 department. 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.