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Dear

Thank you for your e-mail of 17th May, in which you asked:

I would like to know what resources are being devoted to encouraging development of unconventional gas and oil in the UK. Specifically:

- ***How many people are employed by the Office of Unconventional Gas and Oil (OUGO) on this date, 2 July 2014?***
- ***What was OUGO's budget in the last financial year, 2013-14?***
- ***What is OUGO's budget in the present financial year, 2014-15?***

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).

The answers to each of the above questions are as follows:

- As of 2 July, 10.2 full time equivalents (FTEs) work in the Office of Unconventional Gas and Oil (OUGO).
- OUGO was established in March 2013 and the administrative budget for 2013-14 was £468k. This included pay and travel and subsistence. The programme budget was £100k.
- OUGO's administrative budget for 2014-15 is £794k. This includes pay and travel and subsistence. The programme budget is £987k. This reflects the increase in staff since the establishment of the Office in 2013 and the programme of regulatory and public engagement-related work it is undertaking in line with the published objectives.

Appeals procedure

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter. If you wish to request an internal review, please contact: The Information Rights Unit, Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET. Email foi.requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk

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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, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Office of Unconventional Gas and Oil (OUGO)