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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: INCIDENTS OF DATA LOSS

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 18 February, about incidents of data loss in Defra. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for the number of incidents of lost data for each year since 2010, and the corresponding number of disciplinary actions taken for such losses in each year.

This information on data losses in Defra is held in financial years and is shown in the table below.

Financial Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-3	2013-14	2014-15 (to 18/2/15)
Data losses	10	9	10	8	3

Please note that the figures do not differentiate between data lost by accident, negligence or deliberate release.

There have been no cases of formal disciplinary action taken for loss of data since 2010.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and 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 the address below.

Yours sincerely,



Information Rights Team

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Annex A

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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