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Dear

RE: Information Request

Thank you for your email of 15 January where you requested the following information:

details of:

1. the membership of the Scottish Islands Renewables Delivery Forum
2. Any minutes of the meetings of the Scottish Islands Renewables Delivery Forum since it met
3. The dates of the next meetings of the Scottish Islands Renewable Delivery Forum
4. Any correspondence between Fergus Ewing MSP and Ed Davey MP regarding the Scottish Islands Renewable Delivery Forum

We have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs) as the information you have sought disclosure of, does in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

I can confirm the Department holds information in scope of your request. A copy of the information, which can be disclosed, is attached.

Some information constitutes personal data and has been withheld. Regulation 13(1) of the EIRs provides an absolute exemption for personal data which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act. Personal data of third parties can only be disclosed in accordance with the data protection principles. In particular, the first data protection principle requires that disclosure must be fair and lawful and must comply with one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the Data Protection Act. We do not think that it is fair to release the names of junior members of staff or third parties and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

No future meetings dates have been agreed.

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 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
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E-mail: foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk

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