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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 2 November 2015 where you requested the following information:

***“Whether any assessment was carried out on the impact of the decision to end new public subsidies for onshore wind farms on jobs and investment in Scotland.”***

***“If such an assessment exists can a copy be supplied”.***

We have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (‘the 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.

The Government’s policy is to close the Renewables Obligation (RO) one year early, on 31 March 2016, to new onshore wind across Great Britain (GB). We published an impact assessment (IA) on 8 September which considers the impact of this policy on jobs and investment across GB. Therefore, information on the impact on jobs and investment in Scotland is not shown separately.

The IA was updated on 8 October following a review of evidence received during DECC’s stakeholder engagement exercise and changes to the final policy position as a result. This information is publically available and can be found online at:

IA published 8 September:

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/impact-assessments/IA15-007D.pdf>

IA published 8 October:

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/impact-assessments/IA15-007F.pdf>

## 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  
London  
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E-mail: [foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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,

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