



Our ref: RFI 7273
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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: MINISTERIAL FLOOD VISITS

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 18 February, about official visits and meetings undertaken by Defra Ministers as Flood Representatives. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Please see below for the information you requested. Please note that this list excludes other aspects of the role, such as advice, decisions and correspondence.

1. *What official visits, meetings or other diary engagements has Dan Rogerson undertaken in his capacity as Ministerial Flood Representative for Cornwall?*

Date	Description
March 2014	Flood visit in Cornwall
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May 2014	Flood envoy meeting in London
December 2014	Meeting in London to discuss the status of flood work in Cornwall

2. *What official visits, meetings or other diary engagements did Owen Paterson undertake in his capacity as Ministerial Flood Representative for Somerset and Wiltshire?*

Date	Description
January 2014	Flood visit in Somerset
March 2014	Flood visit in Somerset
April 2014	Flood visit in Somerset
April 2014	Flood visit in Wiltshire
May 2014	Flood visit in Somerset
June 2014	Flood visits in Wiltshire and Somerset

3. *Following Owen Paterson's replacement as Secretary of State in July 2014, was he replaced as a Ministerial Flood Representative? If so, which Minister replaced him?*

The Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP was replaced by The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP as Flood Representative.

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I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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