

FOI Release
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Title: WEEE Compliance Fee Proposal

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Information request

We refer to the recent decision by the Secretary of State to approve the WEEE compliance fee proposal submitted by the Joint Trade Associations.

In connection with this:

1. Please provide copies of all correspondence between the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills ("BIS") and the Joint Trade Associations, and BIS and the Joint Trade Associations (Contracts) Limited regarding the compliance fee methodology for the 2014 Compliance period in the period from 28 November 2014 to 31 January 2015 (inclusive).
2. Please provide copies of the evaluations to, and scoring of, each of the methodologies submitted regarding the operation of the compliance fee for the 2014 compliance period.

Information released

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. Section 40 of the Act 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 and third parties and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.