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By Email only

Dear Gareth,

I am responding to your request dated 20 January 2015 under the Freedom of Information Act (Fol), in which you requested information concerning;

- The minutes of meetings held by the Low Pay Commission consisting of deliberations in setting the National Minimum Wage, 2014/15; and
- Why the Commission did not recommend a larger increase, given the 2014 increase only brought the wage up to the same real terms value it had in 2005.

The meeting concerning making recommendations for the National Minimum Wage took place on the 22 January 2015. I am very sorry but it is a policy decision that minutes of this annual meeting are not held.

Regarding your second point, our reasons for our recommendations are available in last year's [report](#). In particular I suggest focussing on The Future Path of the Minimum Wage and reading Part 2 'Conditions Needed for Faster Increases in the National Minimum Wage' and Chapter 5 'The Rates' in the main report.

If you have any queries about this reply, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Appeals procedure

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to request an internal review please contact me.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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