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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: A BREAKDOWN OF ALL FUNDING GIVEN EACH FINANCIAL YEAR TO THE NATIONAL BEE UNIT, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY GIVEN BY DEFRA

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 28 October 2016, about funding given to the National Bee Unit, including by Defra. As you know, we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

At Annex A please find a copy of the information you requested:

- a breakdown of funding given to the National Bee Unit each financial year from 2012 to 2016, including by Defra.

Information disclosed in response to this EIR request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.


We attach Annex B, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

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



If you have any queries about this letter please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,


EIRs/FOI Case Officer
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Annex A

Funding for the National Bee Unit

Funding Source	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Defra*	£1,390,598	£1,317,897	£1,397,800	£1,397,800
EU Apiculture**	£465,638	£463,503	£335,068	£335,131
Devolved Administrations	£385,500	£376,000	£376,000	£376,000
Other Government Departments	£21,000	£24,000	£10,000	£22,000
Commercial	£59,000	£35,000	£-	£-
R&D***	£197,416	£414,582	£-	£-
	£2,519,152	£2,630,982	£2,118,868	£2,130,931

*Defra provides additional funding for Bee Health that is not given to the National Bee Unit.

**EU funding under the National Apiculture Programme is provided at the end of each 'apiculture year' (i.e. after the end of August).

***From October 2014 bee health research & development has been conducted by Fera Science Ltd.

Annex B

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Annex C

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

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