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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: FARM BUSINESS SURVEY

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 19 February 2018, about Defra's payments to Rural Business Research (RBR) for the Farm Business Survey. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We enclose a copy of the information which can be disclosed:

	2015/16	2016/17
1. Total paid to Nottingham University (Rural Business Research) for Farm Business Survey work	£2,941,123	£2,873,154
2. Total paid to Nottingham University (Rural Business Research) for other Defra work (Sustainable Intensification Project 1)	£16,332	£3,000

All payments exclude VAT

In addition, Nottingham University (Rural Business Research) were partnered via a collaboration agreement with University of Exeter for Sustainable Intensification Project 2 (SIP2). No legal contract existed between Defra and Nottingham/RBR for this work. The total value of this SIP2 project work undertaken by Nottingham University (Rural Business Research) was £242,004 (ex- VAT). Of this £100,239 was spent in 2015/16 and £82,079 was spent in 2016/17.

The remainder of the information requested is not held by Defra.

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

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

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex A

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