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By email:

Dear ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: International and Internal Flights

Thank you for your request for information of 17 January 2020 about international and internal flights. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response are detailed below.

Please send me:

- *The number of a) domestic and b) international flight taken by staff in your department in each of the last three calendar years (2017, 2018, 2019).*

The table below sets out the information you requested.

	Year		
	2017	2018	2019
Number of Domestic Flights	378	465	467
Number of International Flights	806	1100	1033
Headcount	3535	4204	4952

Domestic flights include UK flights, typically over water or long distances. The information is based on what Defra has been invoiced for. Last-minute changes may mean some flights are recorded that weren't actually taken. Furthermore, the department underwent a merger with some of its agencies' corporate services functions between 2017 and 2018 meaning there was a jump in the headcount over this period. Due to the nature of work Defra is involved in we require international engagement and travel abroad.

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We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and 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

Information Rights Team

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Annex A

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