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By email: [Redacted]

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Dear [Redacted],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Chief Scientific Adviser

Thank you for your request for information of 1 September 2019 about Defra's Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA). We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response are detailed below.

Please tell me

a) the name of your department's Chief Scientific Adviser

The information that you have requested is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-defra-chief-scientist-appointed--2>

As the information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, section 21 of the FOIA exempts Defra from providing a copy of the information with this response to your request.

b) the annual salary received by your Chief Scientific Adviser in the financial year 2018/19

The CSA's salary for 2018/19 was in the range of £125,000 - £129,999.

Also, please can you attach the minutes from the last two meetings between the Secretary of State and the Chief Scientific Adviser.

The information you have requested here is not held by Defra, because no minutes were taken from the meetings between the Secretary of State and the CSA.

We attach an annex 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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Information Rights Team
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Annex

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 11 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Andrew Mobsby, Head of Information Rights, Area 5B, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

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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