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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: DEFRA SPEND ON LOW CARBON AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES 2011-2015

Thank you for your request for information. You have requested 'a breakdown of payments for Defra's domestic spend on climate change mitigation and adaptation for the years (i) 2011/12 (ii) 2012/13 (iii) 2013/14 (iv) 2014/15.' This is following a previous information request to which we responded on 22 January (RFI 6119).

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

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In response to your question above, please find below a table containing our estimate of Defra spending on climate change initiatives in the years requested, broken down into spending on climate change adaptation and climate change mitigation. As previously informed, we have not included spending on activities where the primary purpose has not been to achieve climate change objectives but where there may be a consequential effect relevant to climate change. The figures for 2013/14 denote planned spend, projected to the end of this financial year. In most areas, final budgets for 14/15 have yet to be allocated and so are not included.



Defra domestic adaptation spend (£m)

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
TOTAL	13.65	10.56	8.31	Yet to be allocated

Defra's spend on climate change adaptation work fluctuates depending on the position within the five-year cycle set out in the Climate Change Act 2008. The next major milestones will be publication of the second Climate Change Risk Assessment early in 2017 and the second National Adaptation Programme report in 2018. Adaptation is being mainstreamed within policy teams across Government. Policy teams in Defra and other Departments therefore also fund programmes and activities that build the UK's resilience to the impacts from our changing climate.

Defra domestic mitigation spend (£m)

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
TOTAL	11.06	18.57	8.91	Yet to be allocated

The increase in climate change mitigation spend in 2012/13 was primarily due to the one-off transfer of £7.5m to the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) in 2012 to administer the Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF). The RCEF provides feasibility and pre-planning funding for rural communities in England who are keen to explore whether any renewable energy resources in their local areas are suitable for development; the funding will be spent over several years.

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

Yours sincerely,

Annex A

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