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**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

Further to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000, which read:

1. *How much was paid to wind farm companies in (a) Wales and (b) Great Britain through constraint payments in 2012?*
2. *Which energy companies supplying energy from wind farms in the UK received constraint payments in 2012 and what were the amounts?*

The only information DECC holds on this subject has been taken from publicly available websites. Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide this information as it is already reasonably accessible to you from the following sources.

Information about the total level of constraint payments made to wind farms is published by National Grid in its *Monthly Balancing Services Summary* – see particularly pages 32-33:

[http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/3483B07D-F963-4DCE-98D5-655293A160F5/59692/MBSS\\_FEBRUARY\\_2013.pdf](http://www.nationalgrid.com/NR/rdonlyres/3483B07D-F963-4DCE-98D5-655293A160F5/59692/MBSS_FEBRUARY_2013.pdf)

Elexon, an independent subsidiary of National Grid, publishes data on individual payments at:

<http://www.bmreports.com/> (see particularly:  
<http://www.bmreports.com/bsp/DetailedSystemPricesHistoric.htm>)

As a first step, you may find it helpful to contact [BSCServiceDesk@logica.com](mailto:BSCServiceDesk@logica.com) for advice on the best way to download any data from the BM Reports and Elexon Portal websites. Elexon's *beginner's guide to electricity trading arrangements* may also provide useful background information:

[http://www.elexon.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/electricity\\_trading\\_arrangements\\_beginners\\_guide\\_v2.0.pdf](http://www.elexon.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/electricity_trading_arrangements_beginners_guide_v2.0.pdf)

**Appeals Process**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: **Information Rights Unit** ([foi@decc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gov.uk))

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Unit