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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: COST OF THE TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AND NATURAL ENGLAND**

Thank you for your request for information about the cost of the Triennial Review of the Environment Agency and Natural England, which we received on 28/06/2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Please find the information you requested below:

Defra established a dedicated team to manage Defra's programme of Triennial Reviews, which undertook the work on this Review. The team was led by a Defra Director, and was made up of Defra civil servants and secondees from the EA and NE.

Between 1 July 2012, when preparatory work for the Review began, and 26 June 2013, when it was published, the full costs attributed to the team were £442,000. In addition to the Review of the EA and NE, the team also contributed to Triennial Reviews of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee and the Veterinary Products Committee, which were also taking place during this period.

Members of the Review's Challenge Group offered their services at no cost.

As stated in the published report of the Review, Defra appointed KPMG to carry out a number of tasks related to the Review. That contract was awarded for the cost of £98,686.



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

I 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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