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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 30 November 2012 where you requested information relating to communications between Minister of State John Hayes MP and Chris Heaton-Harris MP since 3rd September 2012.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

Telephone calls

Under the act, I would like to know :
1) how many times since 3 September 2012 has Mr Hayes spoken with Mr Heaton-Harris on the telephone;
2) on what dates since 3 September 2012 has Mr Hayes spoke with Mr Heaton-Harris on the telephone;

Under the act I would like to request complete copies of all and any documents which record the substance and existence of these telephone calls, and all and any documents (such as briefing material, letters, memos, emails, memorandums of conversations) which were prepared for or connected with each of these conversations on the telephone.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the Department does not hold any recorded information relating to records of telephone calls between John Hayes MP and Chris Heaton-Harris MP since 3 September 2012 (either records of the existence of telephone calls, or documents related to telephone calls).

Emails

Under the act, I would also like to know :
1) on what dates since 3 September 2012 has Mr Hayes sent an email to Mr Heaton-Harris;

2) on what dates since 3 September 2012 has Mr Hayes received an email from Mr Heaton-Harris;

Under the act, I would also like to request complete copies of each of these emails.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the Department does not hold any emails in the scope of your request.

Letters
However, outside the scope of your specific FOI questions I can confirm that the Department does hold 5 pieces of written correspondence since 3 September 2012 between John Hayes MP and Chris Heaton-Harris MP.

- Letter dated September 2012 - from John Hayes MP to Chris Heaton-Harris MP – re. United Nations ruling relating to the EU renewables policy
- Letter dated 26 September 2012 – from Chris Heaton-Harris MP to John Hayes MP – re. Health Canada study on wind turbine noise.
- Letter dated 12 October 2012 - from John Hayes MP to Chris Heaton-Harris MP – re. decarbonisation and the Energy Bill
- Letter dated 19 October 2012 - from John Hayes MP to Chris Heaton-Harris MP – re. decarbonisation and the Energy Bill
- Letter dated 20 November 2012 – from John Hayes MP to Chris Heaton-Harris MP – re. the proposed standard for power line transmission devices possible interference with radio transmissions.

Appeals Procedure
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 the Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk).

Security & Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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