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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 9 October in which you asked the following:

- 1) *Under the relevant FOI/EIR regulations can you provide me with all communication (letters, emails, phone calls etc) between secretary of state for energy and climate change Edward Davey or his private office and the company EDF (including any EDF subsidiary) from 1 September 2011.*
- 2) *Could you also provide me with dates of any meetings between staff at DECC, EDF (including any EDF subsidiary), and the French Embassy, including those who were present from 1 September 2011.*

From our preliminary assessment, it is clear that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the cost limit of £600 provided under s12 of the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act'). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The Act provides that we are not obliged to comply with requests where the estimated cost of complying would exceed this limit.

In order to provide you with the information on the scale that you have requested we would need to go through many files within our filing structure and the email boxes of numerous members of staff for a two year period. We estimate that the amount of work required would take us over the limit referred to above

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. For example, if you could specify a particular topic or subject which you believe DECC may have corresponded with EDF about or you are interested in a particular meeting we may be able to help you. Limiting the time span to a shorter period may also be helpful.

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).

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)
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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