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**Your ref:**  
**Our ref:** RFI 6848  
**Date:** 17 October 2014

Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: CLARITY ON HOW MUCH OF THE ADDITIONAL £270 MILLION FLOODS FUNDING HAS BEEN REALLOCATED FROM WITHIN EXISTING DEFRA BUDGET AND WHICH SPENDING PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN REDUCED AS A RESULT.**

Thank you for your request for information about the £270 million additional floods funding which was announced earlier this year, which we received on 20 August 2014. As you know we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

In response to your request, we are disclosing the following information:

- The £140 million, announced in the Budget, is an increase to the Defra budget with funding as set out in the Budget document.
- The remaining £130 million, announced in February, has been found within Defra's existing budgets.

As further background to the £130 million, no budgets have been cut as a direct consequence of this funding. The sum is made up of un-ring-fenced Disallowance budget which is not required in 2014/15 (£93m); exceptional end-year flexibility allowed by HM Treasury to reuse underspends (£20m); general underspends within the Department (£7m); and £10m is being found through active, in year, management of emerging underspends being re-allocated to the Floods programme in the first instance.

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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 the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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## Annex A

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