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Dear

Thank you for your email of 31 August where you requested the following information:

Details of correspondence (emails, letters) and meetings (agendas, minutes) between Hergen Hays and:

- *Senior executives at EDF*
- *Senior executives at E.ON*
- *Senior executives at RWE*

Concerning the Nuclear Supply Chain and Skills Action Plan from 1 January 2012 until the present day.

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The 'present day' is taken as 31 August 2012. I have conducted a search of our records and can confirm that 5 meetings took place which fall within the scope of your request.

A list of these meetings is attached as Annex 1, and minutes are attached as Annex 2 to 5. Please note that that Annex 1 is not a complete list of meetings which have taken place as it excludes those meetings which do not fall within the scope of your request. The other annexes only contain the information in the minutes which falls within the scope of your request.

The agenda, attendees and minutes of the Nuclear Development Forum held on 15 May are available to view at:

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/nuclear/forums/develop_forum/develop_forum.aspx We have therefore not provided you with this information as it is already in the public domain and as such is exempt information under section 21 of FOIA.

Of the remaining minutes, a small amount of the information contained is personal data. We do not consider it is fair and reasonable to release the names of individuals from outside organisations or those who are not members of the Senior Civil Service taking part in these meetings. This information is exempt under section 40 (personal information) of the FOIA, as the information constitutes third party personal data, for which specific provision is made in section 40(2). This information has therefore been redacted from the material provided to you. The names of Senior Civil Servants have been published.

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 DECC Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk).

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,

Office for Nuclear Development

Annex 1

Date of meeting	Topic of meeting	Agenda or minute
12 Apr 2012	ICE Presidential Breakfast - Effective Nuclear Supply Chain	No agenda or minute taken.
9 May 2012	Roundtable with DECC/EDF/Somerset Council	Extract from minute attached at Annex 2.
15 May 2012	Nuclear Development Forum	Available online.
25 June 2012	NIA Programme Management Board	Extract from minute and presentation attached at Annex 3 and Annex 4.
7 Aug 2012	EDF monthly meeting	Agenda attached at Annex 5. No minute taken.

Annex 2 – Extract of minute of the roundtable with DECC/EDF/Somerset Council, 9 May 2012.

Discussions on skills

- It was suggested that a cross Government task force be created that would be outcome focused and would consist of senior departmental links in DECC, BIS, DWP, DfE, the Skills Funding Agency and UK CES. This would help ensure that funding could be prioritised appropriately and that all Departments and agencies were aligned on priorities. There was also suggestion that this be matched by groups at an operational level to ensure the delivery focus remained.
- The group should be reformatted to become a strategic delivery group and include key Departments and then feed into the wider vision and framework of the Supply Chain Action plan which reviews from a national level.

Annex 3 - Extract from minute of the NIA Programme Management Board, 25 June 2012.

Government Action Plan on Supply Chain and Skills

Hergen Haye outlined the government's proposed Action Plan on Supply Chain and Skills (presentation attached) which was being led by DECC but represented work across government departments to secure delivery of new build and existing nuclear plans and to maximise economic opportunities for the UK.

The Board was invited to play a lead role in the development of the plan, in particular as critical friend and in developing industry ownership of the plan.

It was emphasised that there were roles for both government and developers in raising awareness in the supply chain, building capability and raising competitiveness in the supply chain. The government's action plan should therefore build on existing activity.

It was emphasised that the Board and industry more generally would only take ownership of the plan if they genuinely bought into it and this was a key part of the government's approach. The plan should also seek to understand the aspirations of the supply chain and to build upon them.

It was agreed to continue the NIA's detailed engagement with DECC and BIS in developing the plan and to consider a further report at the next meeting.

Annex 4 – Presentation by Hergen Hays to the NIA Programme Management Board – 25 June 2012

See separate PowerPoint attachment.

Annex 5 – Agenda for EDF Monthly Meeting – 7 Aug 2012

From: NAME REDACTED [mailto:NAME REDACTED@edf-energy.com]

Sent: 06 August 2012 10:25

To: NAME REDACTED (DECC Private Office Group)

Subject: Monthly update - 7 Aug

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We have a date in the diary for tomorrow afternoon with Hergen.

Some potential headings for discussion - are there issues you'd like to add (or take away)?

- progress update on PINS process for HPC
- business rates/community benefits
- Hinkley Point strategic delivery forum
- FDP - priority topics
- Security regulations
- Supply chain action plan (DECC/BIS initiative)
- ECC Inquiry into nuclear challenge
- Sizewell C

Could you give me a call?

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