

Department of Energy & Climate Change
3 Whitehall Place,
London SW1A 2HD

Your ref:
Our ref: FOI 12/1060

07 August 2012

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Dear

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 July 2012. You have requested the following information:

- 1) *Were any of the civil servants within the department you cover involved with BT's Vital Vision programme?*
- 2) *Can you send me any emails between them and BT mentioning the Vital Vision programme?*

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), in which you have the right to:

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

BT Vital Vision programme

A preliminary search of the department's central records has not identified any mention of Vital Vision programme.

DECC does not hold centrally the information you have requested and we estimate that providing details you have requested would exceed the cost limit of £600 provided under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. This represents the estimated cost of spending 3.5 working days: (i) determining whether the department holds the information, and (ii) 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. An additional search of the mailboxes of every employee, as well as other records, would exceed the 3.5 working day limit

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, you may be more specific about the Ministers and officials and the time involved. We would be happy to consider whether any revised request could be dealt with within the cost limit.

Appeals procedure

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this email. If you wish to request an internal review, please contact us.

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 Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely