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Our reference: FOI 12/0793

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your freedom of information request of 21 May 2012 in which you asked the following:

*“Details of **sporting** events attended by the department’s ministers in an official capacity since May 2010*

*Details of any **sporting** events which the ministers were offered admittance to but which were not attended by ministers since May 2010*

*Further details of any other events - concerts, exhibitions, etc - which ministers were offered admittance to in an official capacity which they attended*

*Details of any other events - concerts, exhibitions, etc - which ministers were offered admittance to in an official capacity which they did not attend”*

In regards to the first and third parts of your request, details of all meetings, events and hospitality attended by DECC ministers is published on a quarterly basis and is available at the following link:

<http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/accesstoinform/registers/registers.aspx>

Therefore this information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

Concerning the second and final parts of your request, we cannot provide all the information you have requested as your request is too wide and the effort to administer your request would exceed the limit prescribed in regulations made pursuant to Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This limit is £600 and which represents the estimated cost of spending 24 hours in determining whether the Department holds such information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Where the estimated cost is above this limit, we are not obliged to comply with a request. However, 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, which specific event you think ministers may have been invited to but did not attend, with a narrowed period of time relevant to the information required.

#### 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 letter. If you wish to request an internal review, please contact me.

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  
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,