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Our Ref. Fol Request 12/0197

Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email request of February 8, 2012 for the following information:

Please note that I am only interested in information which relates to the period 8 February 2011 to the present day.

Please note that the references to company employees and representatives should also include any lobbying and or PR organisations who act on behalf of the companies.

1...During the aforementioned period has any member of the ministerial team met with an employee and or representative of the firm Dechert. If the answer to the above question is yes can you please identify the Minister (s) and provide the date, time and venue of the meeting (s). In the case of each meeting can you please provide a list of other individuals present including departmental employees and or representatives as well as employees and or representatives of Dechert . Could you please provide details of the subject (s) under discussion?

2...During the aforementioned period has the department awarded a contract to Dechert or commissioned the company to carry out any sort of work on its behalf. Could you please provide details of any contract (s) including value, duration, purpose and the date it was agreed. Can you please explain what work the firm has carried out on behalf of the department.

3....Could you please provide copies of all correspondence and communications (including emails) exchanged between the aforementioned company and the department.

4....During the aforementioned period has any member of the ministerial team met with an employee and or representative of the Spanish construction company Acciona. If the answer to the above question is yes can you please identify the Minister (s) and provide

the date, time and venue of the meeting (s). In the case of each meeting can you please provide a list of other individuals present including departmental employees and or representatives as well as employees and or representatives of Acciona. Could you please provide details of the subjects under discussion.

5...During the aforementioned period has the department awarded a contract to Acciona or commissioned the company to carry out any sort of work on its behalf? Could you please provide details of the contract (s) including value, duration, purpose and the date it was agreed. Can you please explain what other work the company may have carried out on behalf of the department.

6...Could you please provide copies of all correspondence and communications (including the emails) exchanged between the aforementioned company and the department.

7...Has Miriam Gonzalez Durantez, the wife of the Deputy Prime Minister, met with any member of the ministerial team or any member of the department's staff to discuss either of the aforementioned companies or issues of relevance to them. If so can you please provide details of any meeting including a full list of those present as well as the date and venue. Can you please describe the subjects under discussion.

I write to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) does not hold the information you have asked for.

All meetings between DECC ministers and external organisations are published quarterly on the DECC website at this link:

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

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

Yours sincerely,