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Our Ref. FoI Request 12/0165

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email request of February 2, 2012 for the following information:

*Please release under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act records held of all ministerial visits completed by the Secretary of State between the election of the Coalition in May 2010 and December 2011 including:*

*:: destination and purpose of visit*

*:: mode of transport used*

*For the purposes of the inquiry please consider a ministerial visit to mean an official engagement undertaken outside the department to a location in Britain or overseas.*

*If any part of this request can be answered before any other part, please send that information first followed by subsequent information as it becomes available.*

*If any exception is to be engaged, please provide full details of the public interest tests performed, including the arguments considered for and against disclosure and the weight applied to each factor.*

I refer to your request for information about all Secretary of State's visits between May 2010 and December 2011 including destination, purpose and mode of transport. We cannot provide all the information you have requested as this aspect of your request is too wide and the effort to administer this 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, we can inform you that all ministerial meetings and overseas visits are published quarterly on the DECC website at <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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely,