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Thank you for your email of 17 November 2012 where you requested the following information:

- a) *please provide a statement showing the (approximate) number of individuals who - during the tax year 2011/2012 - were providing services to you & to whom the "status test" contained in ITEPA section 49(1) would give a positive result*
- b) *please provide a list of names of every public body (including quangos) for which the department has ultimate responsibility*
- c) *please provide the email address for making Fol requests to each of the entities at b) above*
- d) *please provide the name & departmental contact details of the accounting officer for the department.*

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Under the Act 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).

Statement of individuals who were providing services

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has already published details of all off-payroll appointees as at 31 January 2012 in response to the HM Treasury review into tax arrangements of public Sector appointees. Some of those people were employed via personal service companies. This document can be viewed at <http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/accesstoinform/expenditure/expenditure.aspx> in the section entitled "Pay Group and Structure" and is in the form of Excel spreadsheets entitled "DECC Tax Review Document May 2012" in both xls and csv formats.

A review of all off-payroll staff is being conducted in line with the recommendations made by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury (see http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/tax_pay_appointees_review.htm for further details) within DECC and its Partner organisations to ensure that all off-payroll staff are compliant with the new Tax Policy. DECC will be publishing a further statement following the end of the current tax year (2012-13). Therefore publication of any further data at this time would be exempt under Section 22 of the Act.

In coming to this decision, DECC recognises the public interest in this subject. DECC is complying with the recommendations of the review and is setting out changes for both contractual and specific tax arrangements for any people employed off-payroll. At the same it also recognises that personal tax arrangements are a matter for the individual and

HM Revenue and Customs. That paper also set out that a further review should be carried out in April 2013. In order for DECC to collect, analyse and carry out that review will require a considerable amount of time. Therefore DECC is putting in place a process to capture the data and conduct the review within the timescales set out and will publish the results once the review has been concluded.

List of Public Bodies (including quangos) for which DECC has responsibility

This information is also already in public domain and accessible to you via the DECC website at <http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/about/partners/partners.aspx> which provides a list of all DECC's partner organisations.

The email address for making FOI requests to each of the entities at b) above

This is also available on the websites of the partner organisations as they will publish details of how people can make FOI requests. Each partner organisation will take responsibility for responses to any FOI request made to them.

The name & departmental contact details of the accounting officer for DECC

Mr. Phil Wynn Owen is the Acting Accounting Officer for DECC. The contact address is: Department of Energy and Climate Change, 3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2AW.

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 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 Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.