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By Email

*Dear Michael*

**REVISED FUNDING 2013-2015**

I am writing to inform you of a change to the Natural History Museum's allocations for the financial years 2012-13, to 2014-15. This letter replaces any previous notifications.

Following the Chancellor's Autumn Statement on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 a budget cut of 1% and 2% has been applied to your resource (near cash) baselines for 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively. Ministers are clear that spending on frontline services should continue to be prioritised, and that you should actively identify and implement the most cost-effective ways of delivering public services. We have corresponded previously on the need to set and maintain contingency plans to help you cope with budgetary reductions within and between Spending Review periods.

The amended control totals against which net expenditure will be monitored and the grant in aid that the Department will pay are as set out in the table below. The control totals are shown in the shaded columns and incorporate any other changes that have previously been agreed with you.

£m	Resource Budget			Capital Budget			Grant in Aid
	Programme (near-cash)	Programme depreciation	Total Resource (DEL) Budget (A+B)	Core capital	Reserves	Total Capital (DEL) Budget (D+E)	
Year	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
2012-13	43.583	12.135	55.718	2.177	2.100	4.277	45.760
2013-14	42.497	12.719	55.216	2.278	2.100	4.378	44.775
2014-15	41.936	13.273	55.209	2.379	2.000	4.379	44.315

Guidance on the budgeting rules within which you are expected to operate has previously been circulated and can be found in the Treasury's Consolidated Budgeting Guidance.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, or would like to discuss your contingency plans, then please get in touch with your usual relationship manager in the finance team or with me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Foley', with a small dot at the end.

**SAMANTHA FOLEY**  
**Finance and Commercial Director**

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