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Dear XXX XXX,

## **Freedom of Information Request**

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 23 August 2011.

The information requested is as follows:

1. What is the fuel bill for both gas and electricity at your HQ building for the financial year 2010-2011?

**Gas £19, 938**  
**Electricity £478, 973**  
**The above costs exclude VAT.**

2. Who is your energy supplier for gas and electricity to your HQ?

**Gas Corona Energy**  
**Electricity EDF Energy**

3. What tariff are you currently signed up to?

**The energy is not supplied under a 'Tariff' but a bespoke agreement with the suppliers where the costs of the energy is made up of a number of components; the energy volumes are purchased via the suppliers at live wholesale markets prices by the Government Procurement Service using a sophisticated risk management approach, which when combined with the supplier management fee, balancing costs and distribution and metering charges creates a site specific price.**

4. How do you guarantee the best price for energy?

**All energy procurement for central government departments has been centralised with the Government Procurement Service, as per government policy to centralise the procurement of common commodity items to improve value for money. The Government Procurement Service aggregates the combined requirements awarding framework agreements through a EU compliant competitive tendering process to select the best value supplier as specified in the tender documents. The largest cost component is the wholesale energy, which is purchased through the**

**supplier at live wholesale market prices using a sophisticated risk management approach to ensure value for money.**

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. A copy of this response and the information provided may now be published on our website.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/04  
Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: [FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

**XXX XXX**

## **Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

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