

Response to EIR case E0008259

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 26/10/11. You requested the following information:

Details of correspondence (including letters, emails) and meetings (government briefing papers, agenda and minutes) between Ministers and/or their advisors and/or senior civil servants and: government Ministers, senior civil servants or diplomats from Germany, Holland, France, Norway and Estonia and British officials in Brussels concerning The FQD meeting at the European Parliament in 25th October 2011 and tar sands/FQD since 1st September 2011.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information.

A copy of the relevant information, a letter from Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport, to Maxime Verhagen, Deputy Prime Minister of the Netherlands, is enclosed.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The Department will, therefore, be simultaneously releasing to the public the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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 40 working days 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

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 relating to this case.

Yours,

[REDACTED]
Low Carbon Fuels
[REDACTED]

Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain within 40 working days 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 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