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Mr Sam Urquhart

By email: request-12596-a5d784e6@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Urquhart

I am writing in response to your request for information of 29 May 2009, concerning the Regional Economic Council. I can confirm that we hold information relevant to your request.

The Regional Economic Council involves Regional Ministers, Regional Development Agency chairs and other relevant groups to ensure that the issues and concerns of each region are heard and acted on across Government.

To answer your points in turn:

1. The number of meetings of the Regional Economic Council that the Chair of the South West Regional Development Agency has attended since October 2008.

The Chair of the South West RDA has attended two meetings of the Regional Economic Council since October 2008.

2. The number of other board members or SWERDA staff members travelling with the Chair to these meetings.

No staff or board members travelled with the Chair to these meetings.

3. The total cost of travel and accommodation of SWERDA staff when attending these meetings.

No costs were incurred as no South West RDA staff attended these meetings.

4. Details of any meetings of the SWERDA board concerning the results of REC meetings.



All minutes of the South West RDA Board meetings are made publicly available at the following link:

<http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/about/board/board-minutes/index.shtm>

The search facility on our website can be used to search for content of board minutes and papers.

I hope this information is helpful.

If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request, or if you are unhappy with our response, you can appeal via our Freedom of Information Complaints Procedure, a copy of which is available on request or on our website at www.southwestrda.org.uk/complaints. If you are still dissatisfied after following our complaints procedure, then under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act you are entitled to appeal to the Information Commissioner (Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 545700, fax: 01625 524510).

Yours sincerely

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