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Dear Mr Walker,

Request for information: Payments to Teri-Europe and Dr R K Pachaurih

Thank you for your request for information for details made by Defra to Teri-Europe and Dr R K Pachauri since 2004. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I apologise for the prolonged delay in responding to you request.

Details of payments made to Teri-Europe are:

Name	Year	Amount (£)
Teri - Europe	2007-2008	27,240.00
Teri – Europe	2007-2008	27,240.00
Teri - Europe	2007-2008	29,640.00
Teri - Europe	2008-2009	52,080.00

With regard to your request for details of payments to Dr Pachauri, we are withholding this information under the exemption in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), which relates to personal data relating to third parties. Section 40(2) exempts from disclosure personal data relating to third parties where disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). In this case, details of payments made to Dr Pachauri are his personal data and we believe that disclosure of the information would breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the DPA in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data and, second, disclosure would not satisfy

any of the conditions for data processing set out in Schedule 2 of the DPA. Consequently, we believe that section 40(2) of the FOIA exempts the information from disclosure.



You have also requested a breakdown of the details and individual costs of goods, services and works provided. To provide would cause divert a vast amount of our resources from the normal business of the Department as we would need to interrogate multiple databases and other sources to manually create the information requested. For the Department to undertake this analysis would take considerably more than the £600 cost limit set under the Freedom of Information Act. The cost limit has been specified in regulations and for Central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one civil servant spending 3 1/2 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information and locating, retrieving and extracting information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing it further.

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In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The information disclosed to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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