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Mr. Paul Collins

Our ref: 12/0497

Dear Mr. Collins,

RE: Total Cost to DECC for the Recent Feed-in Tariffs Challenge

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 23 March 2012 as set out below.

Your requests, received 23 March from request-110961-933bb8cd@whatdotheyknow.com

“Now that the Supreme Court have ruled that they will not hear your appeal against the previous two court cases over the feed in tariff reductions i would like to know please, what the total cost of this process, including the fact that you have been ordered (I believe) to pay costs incurred by the Solar companies who brought the initial challenge.”

We have now completed searching for the information you requested.

The Department estimates that its total costs in respect of its own legal fees up to and including its application for an appeal to the Supreme Court are approximately £83,870.

The court has not yet assessed the amount that DECC is liable to pay in respect of the costs of the other parties to the litigation.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the DECC Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)

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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.

Yours sincerely,

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