



Department
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Innovation & Skills

Ms Jenny Wilton

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Ref No: FOI2014/11477

30th June 2014

Dear Ms Wilton

Thank you for your email of 2nd June 2014 where you requested the following information:

Copies of all electronic and written correspondence, including notes of any meetings and a list of attendees, that have been held with UK Coal Production Ltd (UK Coal), or any person or company acting on their behalf, in regard to UK Coal's Kellingley mine in North Yorkshire and the Thoresby mine in Nottinghamshire since 1 January 2014.

AND

Final or draft copies of loans, agreements or contracts between your department and UK Coal since 1 January 2014.

From our preliminary assessment, it is clear that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the cost limit of £600 provided under s12 of the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act'). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The Act provides that we are not obliged to comply with requests where the estimated cost of complying would exceed this limit.

In order to provide you with the information on the scale that you have requested would require a department wide search of all electronic and written records, including individual teams as well as ministerial Private Offices and our Central Correspondence Unit in order to ensure that every piece of correspondence was picked up.

We estimate that it will take us in excess of 3.5 working days to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, your request will not be processed further.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope to specific directorates within BIS and by being more specific about what information you



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particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.

Appeals Procedure

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 sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights Unit
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0ET
E-mail: foi.requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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,

Shareholder Executive
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills