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Dear Ms Mills,

Thank you for your email on 05 November 2018 where you requested the following information:

"My inquiry relates to the relationship between the document "THE BEIS ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE PUBLIC ATTITUDES TRACKER REVIEW Government response" to the consultation the BEIS issued dated 16th August 2018:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/734416/beis-public-attitudes-tracker-review-government-response.pdf

and the survey questions that were not asked in Wave 26 between "11 July to 17 July 2018".

The correspondence I request is that which referred to and authorised removing the questions asked in July 2018 relating to shale gas when the "Government response" was not issued by BEIS until 16th August 2018, whether it was between ministers/BEIS or between civil servants under the guise of "Government".

Your request is being considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') on the basis that the information you have asked for falls within the definition of 'environmental information' in the EIRs.

We are writing to tell you that the time limit for responding to your request for information needs to be extended. Under the EIRs, we are required to respond to requests as soon as possible, and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving a request. However, by regulation 7 the period of 20 working days may be extended up to a total of 40 working days if we reasonably believe that the complexity and volume of the information requested means that it is impractical to comply with a request within the earlier period or to make a decision to refuse to do so.

In respect of your request, we believe that regulation 7 applies. Therefore, although we shall not be able to respond fully to your request within the 20 working day period, we shall do so as

soon as possible within the extended period. We hope to provide you with a response by 3 January 2019.

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 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights & Records Unit
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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,

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