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Dear Mr Lee,

Thank you for your email of 19 December, about the Energy Crisis

Although you have indicated that you wish to make a request for information, further to your 'right to know' contained in section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), your email contains an enquiry rather than a request for recorded information held by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

Where a 'request for information' contains an enquiry, rather than a specific request for copies of information held by BEIS, we deal with such requests as a 'normal course of business' enquiry rather than a formal request for information under the FOIA.

This is in accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioners Office which advises that 'Requests which are not for recorded information, but instead ask questions, such as "please explain your policy on x" or "please explain your decision to do y" are not requests for recorded information and therefore should be treated as routine correspondence.'

I have forwarded your email to officials in the Department and will write to as soon as I hear from them.

Yours sincerely

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