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Dear Mr Holland

RE: Request for internal review of Freedom of Information request - IPCC Review Editors' Reports

Thank you for your email, dated 13 January 2014, which contained the following request related to the response the Department sent to you on 10 December 2013:

"I am asking you under regulation 11 of the EIR to reconsider your refusal to disclose any and all of the AR5 WGI Review Editors' Reports.

First, I wish to request pdf copy of your letter of refusal reference 13/1617 dated 10 December 2013, as its quality when printed is unsatisfactory for my OCR software.

You state that these Reports were made available to you on a restricted basis. The British and other governments not Professor Stocker determine the rules of the IPCC and I believe delegates were free to download the 101 page 7 Mb file of Reports onto their laptops, as there simply was not the time at the Stockholm meeting to read them all. As the UK focal point for the IPCC, DECC could not be carrying out its duty of due diligence without at least seeing the Reports of the UK based Review Editors whose expenses were paid by DECC.

The University of Reading released all those for their employees without any fuss but the University of Cambridge is forcing my request to appeal in respect of Professor Peter Wadhams' Report. I have good reason to believe that a member of Commons Energy and Climate Change Committee is referred to in a less than flattering way. In view of the Committee's ongoing enquiry into AR5 I believe it is overwhelmingly in the public interest that at least this Report is made public, preferably by an open release.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/ipcc_review_editors_reports_3"

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') I have conducted an internal review of the original response. I have concluded that the original response to your request was correct, as DECC did not hold the requested information.

However, the AR5 WGI Review Editors' Reports that you have requested for release by DECC through Freedom of Information (FOI) request 13/1617, dated 13 November 2013, have been released by the IPCC into the public domain:

<http://www.climatechange2013.org/images/report/WGI%20AR5%20Review%20Editor%20Report%20%2830%20Jan%202014%29.pdf>



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on January 30 2014. As such this internal review to your original FOI request to provide you with “copies of all the Review Editors’ Reports” has now been fulfilled.

Appeals procedure

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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