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Dear Ms Chuntso,

Thank you for your email of 4 July 2019 in which you requested the following information:

- 1) *The dates of all meetings held between Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and Oil and Gas Authority from Jan 2017-current date;*
- 2) *A copy of the minutes of all meetings in 1) above.*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require;
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

From our preliminary assessment, we do not believe that we will 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, including locating, retrieving and extracting this. The Act provides that we are not obliged to comply with requests where the estimated cost of complying would exceed this limit.

As the sponsoring department for the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) we have many formal and informal meetings with the OGA on a wide range of topics. Therefore, due to the breadth and nature of your request, we estimate that we could not meet it within the cost limit set out by the Act. This is because from an initial calculation we would have to ask 10 separate teams or individuals to conduct searches over the time period you have specified. However, a more detailed search may identify other teams or individuals who have also had meetings with the OGA. Therefore, your request will not be processed further at this time.

You may wish to consider refining the scope of your request. For example, specifying what topics you wish us to focus on when looking for details of meetings between BEIS and the OGA.

Once you have narrowed the scope, we will give due consideration to our obligations under the Act in respect of that request.

### **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 request and should be addressed to the 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,

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy