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Dear Mr Taylor,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Minister official portraits**

Thank you for your request for information about official portraits of all the Ministers who have served in this department under the coalition government since 2010, which we received on 5<sup>th</sup> October. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The photos of current Defra Ministers can be found here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs> .If you are looking for official photos of previous Defra Ministers these can be found on the gov.uk site, Wikipedia and well-known search engines.

As the information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 FOIA. Your request has therefore been refused.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Annex**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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