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Dear Mr David Holland

Freedom of information request: Prof Wadhams' IPCC Expenses

Thank you for your email, dated 17th April 2014, where you requested the following information:

Professor Peter Wadhams is listed by the IPCC as a Review Editor of Chapter 1 of the IPCC AR5 WGI. The IPCC list him as being affiliated to the University of Cambridge. The IPCC also list over 1000 Expert Reviewers of which at least 8 were shown without any affiliation. At least one from the UK is listed without any affiliation and I understand was acting entirely as a private citizen at his own expense.

Professor Wadhams has claimed that he also undertook his IPCC duties in a private capacity.

Please supply any recorded information held by DECC which shows:

[1] Any form or other document on which the Professor applied to DECC to be considered as a participant in the IPCC process. I understand that some redaction of personal information might be necessary, but if his postal and email addresses are redacted please advise whether they were private ones or of the University of Cambridge.

[2] How much travel and subsistence expenses were paid to the Professor. If (and only if) for some reason you think that is personal information and decline to supply it please supply the expenses paid to all UK IPCC participants individually with their names and other personal information redacted.

[3] What other benefits, such as travel insurance, were provided by collective or group arrangements paid by DECC.

[4] The total cost or if not yet assessed the budgeted cost to DECC of supporting British participation in the IPCC AR5.



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Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs) as the information you have sought disclosure of does, in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

Under the EIRs you have the right to:

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

[1] We possess the following documents:

- Peter Wadhams' AR5 nomination form
- Peter Wadhams' CV

These have been withheld as we consider these documents to come under the definition of personal data. Regulation 12(3) of the EIRs, with reference to regulation 13, provides an absolute exemption for personal data which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act. Personal data can only be disclosed in accordance with the data protection principles. In particular, the first data protection principle requires that disclosure must be fair and lawful and must comply with one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the Data Protection Act. We do not think that it is fair to release these personal data items and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

[2] The only financial record we have is a payment for travel and subsistence to the WGI AR5 Third Lead Author Meeting, Marrakech (16-20 April 2012) - £1322.61

[3] The support offered mirrors that offered to DECC employees attending meetings in the UK or overseas; the same eligibility criteria, upper limits and evidence requirements apply. It is possible to claim the costs of travel/business visas required for entering a country on IPCC business, provided they are purchased on a standard turn around service basis. Claims for incidental room costs overseas, such as laundry, internet connection / wifi, printing or newspapers can be made on an actuals basis, up to a daily limit of £10. DECC does not reimburse insurance costs.

[4] Final Travel & Subsistence costs have yet to be confirmed for 2013 / 2014, however they are likely to be close to £100,000. For the period 2010-2013 the total expenses were £636,560.22.

In addition we provide a grant of up to £10,000 for those with added coordinating responsibilities. For 2013/2014 we expect this to be £40,000, and for 2010-2013 the total was £250,298.35.



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Appeals Procedure

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Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
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E-mail: xxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx

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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