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By e-mail to: request-225115-5e3ae35b@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Mckemmie

I refer to your e-mail of 14 August which asked the following:

*"What is the known volume of oil on the west coast of Scotland? The fields include:- Foinaven, Schiehallion, Clair, Suilven, Strathmore, Solan, and Victory oil and gas fields, etc); Rockall Basin, North East Rockall Basin; West Lewis Basin; Flannan Basin; West Flannan Basin; Hatton Basin; Barra Basin; Stanton Basin; and Sea of the Hebrides – Little Minch Basin. Also The Solway, Clyde and Lorn Firths will be included under the banner of Scottish west coast oil and gas. The geographical limits of the Scottish Atlantic Margin are defined within the Scottish-Irish marine boundary to the south, the Scottish-Faroese marine boundary to the north, and the Scottish-international waters marine boundary (off Rockall) to the west. Contained within this boundary is the Faroese-Shetland Basin "*

We have considered your request in accordance with 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.

We do not understand the terminology "known volume" which you use. However I can confirm that estimates of discovered resources of oil and gas off the west coast of Scotland can be found on the Government website via the following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/326980/Pie\\_Charts\\_Showing\\_Potential\\_for\\_UK\\_Reserves\\_Growth\\_2014.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/326980/Pie_Charts_Showing_Potential_for_UK_Reserves_Growth_2014.pdf)

and estimates of undiscovered resources can be found via the following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/326981/Estimates\\_of\\_Undiscovered\\_Resources\\_2014.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/326981/Estimates_of_Undiscovered_Resources_2014.pdf)

#### 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 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at: Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET. E-mail: [foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk) 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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