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David Mackie

(By email only: [request-116011-427f4069@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-116011-427f4069@whatdotheyknow.com))

Dear Mr Mackie,

Cabinet Office Internal Review Reference: IR316547  
(Original Case Reference: FOI316547)

## REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 25 May 2012. You asked for an internal review of our response to your request for information of 25 May 2012. In your request you asked for information on sustainable development across government.

I have carefully reviewed the handling of your request and I consider that the 'no information held' response was the correct response. I have therefore concluded that I should uphold the decision given in our letter.

I have considered the points you make in your internal review request but I can confirm, as stated in the original reply, that the Cabinet Office does not hold the information which would allow us to collate answers to the questions you have asked.

Our draft reply stated clearly that the Minister responsible for sustainable development is the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Caroline Spelman) and, outside of the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, pointed to where you could find relevant information on the Defra website. The Secretary of State is a Cabinet Minister who reports directly to the Prime Minister. While the Minister for Government Policy in the Cabinet Office (Oliver Letwin) co-chairs the Home Affairs (Green Government Commitments) sub-Committee which considers performance and progress on the Green Government commitments relating to operation and procurement, he does so from a broad strategic

perspective, not because he has direct policy responsibility for sustainable development.

You can find information about the role of the Minister for Government Policy at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/content/oliver-letwin-minister-state-cabinet-office> and about Cabinet Committees at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/cabinet-committees-system-and-list-cabinet-committees>

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information 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*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Smethurst', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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