

05 October 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_15-170)**

We have now considered your request of 7 September 2015 as follows:

“1. *Between 01 August 2014 and 31 July 2015, did the institution receive any research grants or contracts relating to any of the following areas?*

- *Climate change, including mitigation and adaptation;*
- *Energy efficiency;*
- *Renewable energy;*
- *Nuclear power;*
- *Carbon capture and storage;*
- *Fossil fuels for energy, including finding, extracting and combustion.*

*If yes, please provide a brief description for each research grant or contract, including what the research involves, the amount of funding received by the institution over the period 01 August 2014 to 31 July 2015, the name(s) of the funder(s), and any other academic institutions involved in the research.*

*If there are concerns about breaching search time/cost limits to extract this information requested, I am happy to assist refining the search, and invite you to provide a screenshot or full database of relevant grant information held over the specified period.*

2. *Between 01 August 2014 and 31 July 2015, did the institution receive any other income, gifts or gifts in kind from companies whose primary activities relate to the energy industry? This includes companies engaged in fossil fuel extraction, energy generation, and renewables. This could involve, but is not limited to, sponsorship, scholarships or bursaries, training contracts, corporate hospitality, and attendance at recruitment fairs.*

*If yes, please detail each item, including the name of the donor, what the income/gift/gift in kind was, and the approximate value of each.*

3. *Are any of the institution's governors linked to companies whose primary activities relate to the energy industry? This includes companies engaged in fossil fuel extraction, energy generation, and renewables. If yes, please provide details, as well as the register of interests for your governing body members.*“

Unfortunately on this occasion we have determined that the cost of finding and assembling some of the requested information will exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by section 12 of the Act and the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004/3244.

The 'appropriate limit' of £450, which equates to 18 hours' work, relates to a request in its entirety. If the University cannot locate, retrieve and extract some or all of the requested information within the 18 hours we are not obliged to retrieve any of the information requested.

Specifically, the time required to provide the information requested in question (1) of your request would alone require more than the appropriate limit. The scope of this question is quite broad in the areas of research activity and would involve much research activity at UEA.

To provide the requested information would require manual examination of individual research project records, which number approximately 800. At 2 minutes per record to locate and extract the requested information, it would take 27 hours which is well beyond the appropriate limit.

We note your alternative request for a full database of 'relevant' grant information but given the limitations of our research financial system, even a full listing of all research would not provide the information you seek; namely, the 'relevant' grant information listed. Further, to provide the 'relevant' grant information you itemise would involve us in the same process as required for your original request and would thus take even more time and effort than the original request.

While we regret we are not able to respond to your request as it stands, we would be able to respond to a request that was simpler and narrower in scope. For example, we certainly could respond to questions 2 and 3 of your request on their own, or to a request for funding received from specific named funders. We could also respond to a query with fewer and narrower areas than the current question 1 encompasses; for example, a request for research concerning nuclear energy alone.

We hope the information we have provided will help in drafting a new request if required, but also note that you have the right of appeal against this response. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

[https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact\\_us](https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us), or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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