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Dear Mr Boswarva

## **RE: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email of 29 May 2013 where you requested the following information:

*Yesterday BIS published a summary of responses to a recent call for evidence on the UK Government Information Economy Strategy:*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/information-economy-strategy-call-for-views-and-evidence>

*According to the summary there were "68 respondents to the call for evidence from a variety of different organisations".*

*This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act for a copy of all responses received to the call of evidence, including the name of the organisation in respect of each response. My preference is to receive this information by e-mail.*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

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

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is held by this Department. The document attached contains all of the responses to the consultation. Where it has not been possible to fit in the respondent's full answer in the spreadsheet then the full response has been provided separately.

Some of the information contained within the documents have been redacted under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40 provides an absolute exemption for personal data which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act. Personal data of third parties 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 the names and contact details of third parties and do not think that any of the relevant conditions apply.

## 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 two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Security & Information Rights Unit ([FOI.Requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FOI.Requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk)).

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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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