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Freedom of Information Act 2015 Schedule of Confidential Information

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DEFA is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2015 (FoIA) and other obligations which often require us to communicate information we hold unless exemptions apply. This means that whilst we will respect the sensitivity of the information you provide, there may be legal requirements which oblige us to disclose information

If you consider that any of the information you have supplied to the Department is commercially sensitive you should complete and return this schedule.

In completing this schedule you recognise that the Department is committed to meeting its legal responsibilities under the FoIA and as such you are aware that all information which it receives may be subject to a request for information under the Act and will be dealt with accordingly.

You may designate information provided to us as:

- 'In confidence' - if you consider that disclosure of the information concerned, to the public, by the Department, would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by you or any other person. Or,
- 'Commercially sensitive' – if you consider that the information concerned is a trade secret or where you consider disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of you and/or your organisation.

Where you send the Department information you regard as confidential you must clearly identify the confidential element(s) and explain why you consider each element to be of a confidential nature. Receipt of information marked as confidential, or marked in any other way, does not imply that we accept any duty of confidence by virtue of that marking nor any obligation not to disclose that information if required to do so by the Act.

If you consider any of your information to have been supplied 'in confidence' or as 'commercially sensitive' you should notify us in the table overleaf. We will take account of your views in dealing with any request for information made under the FoIA.

If we consider a request to relate to information you have supplied we will make every reasonable effort to notify you and consult with you. The Department will however, be responsible for determining, at its absolute discretion, whether any commercially sensitive information and /or any other information is exempt from disclosure under the Act.

If you have any concerns about this or would like any further information please contact the number above.

Reference for the information (or element of information) you regard as confidential	Marking (either 'in confidence' or 'commercially sensitive')	Why do you consider element of information to be confidential?	What harm would be caused to your business or any part of it if the information was released?

For and on behalf of:

Date.....

Signature:

Name.....