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22 October 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations request: EIR2021/00439

Thank you for your Environmental Information Regulations request received on the 29 September in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am writing to you under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 to request the following information about greenhouse gas emissions data. Please provide this information in excel format, if possible. Within this FOI if the response is <5 and an exact value cannot be provided, please clarify whether the value is zero or non-zero. Hence any response of <5 will be interpreted as 1-4.

Over the past 6 financial years (from 2015-2016, to 2020-2021 or until the most recent financial year you have data on), please could you provide me with the following information:

- 1) Greenhouse gas emissions emitted by the Ministry/Department as a whole for each of these financial years (in tonnes Co2e, or in the units the Department typically records them only if this previous metric is not used);
 - a) *In addition to this data and separately from it, please provide the breakdown of this previous data on emissions for each of these years (in tonnes Co2e, or in the units the Department typically records them only if this previous metric is not used), which fall under:*
 - i) *Scope 1 emissions;*
 - ii) *Scope 2 emissions; and*
 - iii) *Scope 3 emissions.*

Our response:

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold some information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

UKRI was formed in April 2018 when all the research councils, Innovate UK and Research England were brought together under one organisation and, as such, environmental data is held for 2018-2019 to the present.

As 2017-2018 is the same baseline year used consistently across all of government for the [Greening Government Commitments](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/greening-government-commitments)¹, it was necessary to collate data from the separate research councils from that time and this is also presented below. No information is held on greenhouse gas emissions from the separate research councils from prior to 2017-2018.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/greening-government-commitments>

UKRI Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Financial Year	tCO ₂ e			
	Total	Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3
2017-2018	140,188	58,549	67,495	14,144
2018-2019	113,978	56,655	52,084	5,239
2019-2020	91,993	45,037	34,487	12,469
2020-2021	77,187	41,902	31,611	3,673

The [Greening Government Commitments mandatory reporting guidelines](#)² have been used for the criteria on what is included in each of the three scopes and the methodology for how the data is processed. The only difference being that mandatory reporting guidelines only cover greenhouse gases emissions from within the UK, but the figures above include both UK and international emissions to provide a fuller picture.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance


Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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² https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/832776/sustainability_reporting_guidance_2019-20.pdf