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**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00113**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 30 April 2020 in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

1. For the ISCF decarbonisation of industrial clusters: deployment and ISCF decarbonisation of industrial clusters: roadmaps programmes:
  - a. How many successful projects had female lead applicants?
  - b. How much funding did successful projects with female lead applicants receive?
  - c. Do the successful projects that originally had a female lead applicant, still have a female lead?
2. How much UKRI funding has been given to the below companies in the last 25 years?
  - a. Ceres Power sometimes known as Ceres
  - b. Intelligent Energy
  - c. Adelan
  - d. Arcola Energy
  - e. ACAL Energy
3. How many:
  - a. EDI related legal actions have taken place against UKRI in the last 10 years?
  - b. EDI related legal action were settled by payments?
4. A copy of UKRI's EDI policies over the last 10 years
5. In the [Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund expression of interest](#):
  - a. How many women and men were leading the down-selected bids managed by the Innovate UK Energy Innovation Lead in 2018-2019?
  - b. Who is managing this process now and who managed the period of time when the awards were made?
  - c. How were the female leads on the winning Eols supported to engage?
6. Who leads on EDI for awards and accountability at BEIS?

## Our response:

We have provided a response to your questions 1, 2, 5 and 6 below. For questions 3 and 4 as these requests are very broad, we require additional information. The feedback we need to help us to help us identify and relevant information is outlined below.

- 1 *For the ISCF decarbonisation of industrial clusters: deployment and ISCF decarbonisation of industrial clusters: roadmaps programmes:*
  - a. *How many successful projects had female lead applicants?*
  - b. *How much funding did successful projects with female lead applicants receive?*
  - c. *Do the successful projects that originally had a female lead applicant, still have a female lead?*

The information you have requested is not held.

In 2020 Innovate UK began collecting data capturing the gender of people who have registered on the Innovation Funding Service (IFS) in a form that can be linked to individual proposals. Prior to this information relating to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) was collected via a survey of users.

The survey, which was introduced in 2017, collected data on gender, ethnicity and disability status. The survey was optional and anonymous, so the data collected could not be linked to a person's profile. The data collected enabled analysis of the EDI characteristics of the total population of people registering on IFS, however, it does not allow the data to be viewed at a programme level.

Using a new survey Innovate UK can now connect the data collected to a person's profile on IFS and analyse application numbers and success rates by programme. Unfortunately, the ISCF decarbonisation of industrial clusters programme was completed before the new EDI survey was put in place.

2. *How much UKRI funding has been given to the below companies in the last 25 years?*
  - a. *Ceres Power sometimes known as Ceres*
  - b. *Intelligent Energy*
  - c. *Adelan*
  - d. *Arcola Energy*
  - e. *ACAL Energy*

This information is already publicly accessible and can be found on the below link. The database contains information on the funding that Innovate UK has granted as well as legacy projects that were inherited from Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) upon Innovate UK, (previously known as the Technology Strategy Board), creation.

Innovate UK funded projects: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects>

The below information will be helpful in navigating the above database:

Column K, Participant Name: Filter on this column for the name of the organisation who has been awarded funding.

Column N, Project Start Date: States the start date for the particular project

Column P: Grant Offered: States the grant offered for the particular project

3. *How many:*
  - a. *EDI related legal actions have taken place against UKRI in the last 10 years?*
  - b. *EDI related legal action were settled by payments?*

This part of your request is very broad and it would be helpful to have further information or some indication of the issues you are interested in to help consider this further.

For example, for part a, please can you define what is meant by "legal actions"; this is a broad term and could encompass a number of things. Are you interested in cases that might have been brought against UKRI through civil Court proceedings, or might this include other actions, such as Tribunals?

For part b, please can you confirm what is meant in regard to “settled by payments”? For example, are you seeking information regarding cases that were settled financially before any legal action was concluded, or might it include any cases where judgments, or other final conclusions, were realised by a judicial or quasi-judicial body?

*4. A copy of UKRI’s EDI policies over the last 10 years*

This part of your request is also very broad and again it would be helpful to have additional information or some indication of the issues you are interested in to help consider this further.

For example, please can you clarify whether the EDI policies that you are interested in are in relation to internal staff policies or policies relevant to grant holders or lead investigators?

*5. In the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund expression of interest:*

- a. How many women and men were leading the down-selected bids managed by the Innovate UK Energy Innovation Lead in 2018-2019?*

The information you have requested is not held. Please see the answer for Q1 for further details.

- b. Who is managing this process now and who managed the period of time when the awards were made?*

Due to the nature of the Expression of Interest (EOI) exercise carried out by Innovate UK, I would like to clarify that there were no funding awards made in this call. As this is the case, there is no ongoing management of the EOI call.

At the time, the call was being managed by Mike Biddle, Programme Director - Industrial Strategy Fund. The EOI call assisted in deciding the best ideas from industry to subsequently create the ISCF challenges.

The ISCF challenges are currently managed by Challenge Directors, with Mike Biddle as Innovate UK’s Director – ISCF Programme.

- c. How were the female leads on the winning EoIs supported to engage?*

I can confirm that there was no additional guidance or support published for female leads in the EOI. However, Innovate UK have been providing support for the Women in Innovation community since 2016. The Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) manages this activity and there are regular physical and online events to provide expert advice, sign post opportunities and support peer networking.

For more information, please see the KTN website: <https://ktn-uk.co.uk/programmes/women-in-innovation>

*6. Who leads on EDI for awards and accountability at BEIS?*

UKRI does not hold this information; please contact BEIS for this information. Their email address is as follows: [enquires@beis.gov.uk](mailto:enquires@beis.gov.uk)

I hope you find the responses provided to questions 1, 2, 5 and 6 helpful.

For questions 3 and 4 on receipt of your response to our above clarification request we will review this further and confirm whether we are able to proceed with collating the relevant information. Your case is currently on hold and will not be progressed until we receive your response. However, if no response is received by 24 June 2020, your case will be closed. If after this date the information is still required, you will need to submit a new request.

If you have any queries regarding the 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

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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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