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25 March 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00095

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 24 February in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I'd like to file a FOI request for correspondence between InnovateUK and ZeroAvia Ltd, ZeroAvia LLC, or its officers (including Valery (aka Val) Miftakhov), between 1/1/2019 and the current date, including supporting or technical documents.

Responsive documents are likely to be in regards an InnovateUK grant for developing a zero emissions aircraft.

Our response:

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

We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate statutory limit as specified within Section 12 of the FOIA which for UKRI is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of 18 hours of staff resource on locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We have determined that to gather this information it would take over 189 hours. We calculated this estimate by conducting an email search on our records using the parameters you provided which returned 5,657 emails. These would need to be individually reviewed to determine if they could be considered within scope of your request. In order to provide an informed estimate, we reviewed 20 of the 5,657 emails which took over 40 minutes to establish if they were within scope. We therefore have reached the conclusion that allowing 2 minutes per email provides a realistic time estimate of 189 hours: 5,657 emails X 2 minutes per email = 11,314 minutes (~189 hours).

Consequently, UKRI is not obliged under Section 12 of the FOIA to respond to your request.

In order to help to bring your request within the appropriate limit we would like to suggest ways in which you can refine your request. These include significantly narrowing the time frame or providing additional detail or key words to use in email searches.

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 decide 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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