

**4 June 2019**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) REQUEST**

Thank you for your request, received on 7 May 2019.

**Specifically you requested:**

Please would you let me know in writing if you hold information of the following description:

Communications between on the one hand, Lord Deben and/or the Committee on Climate Change and on the other hand, ministers about potential conflicts of interest arising from Lord Deben's family businesses including Sancroft International.

Please may I see the information.

**Our response:**

Communications between the Committee on Climate Change and ministers about potential conflicts of interest arising from Lord Deben's family businesses including Sancroft International are shown in the attached documents.

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

In keeping with our transparency policy, the information released to you will be published on [www.theccc.org.uk](http://www.theccc.org.uk). Please note that this publication will not include your personal data.

Kind regards,

**Committee on Climate Change**

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**From:** Office of Lord Deben [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 February 2019 15:07  
**To:** Clark, Mpst (BEIS)  
**Subject:** Mail on Sunday Allegations

Dear Gregg,

Please find message below from Lord Deben, please let me know if you have any queries.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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On behalf of

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The Rt Hon. the Lord Deben



21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

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Yours sincerely

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