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Your request:

In the financial annexes, I expected to find income and expenditure. If I am reading it correctly you don't mention income per se at that point; but you do break down expenditure.

I looked through the report text and it looks like income is by grant in aid and other government related grants which total £4,929,095. (page 28)

Please would you confirm:

1. That the total number of staff is 35.8 (page 47)
2. That the "others" column of 8 are part time staff?
3. Whether you have a table which shows the bands of salaries and the numbers of people within the bands. I usually find it in annual reports but, unless I missed it, I would welcome those details if you have them. I think the pay ratios on page 41 are an attempt to partly show this but it does come over, to me, as a little opaque. Whereas a table with groups in bands is nice and easy to follow.
4. Research costs are just over £690k (page 68) which seemed low to me give CCC is largely about researching things. Could you give me (very much at a headline level) what it largely consists of? I was just surprised that it was broken out of the staff salaries sum. So, perhaps it involves consultants, specialist studies, specialist equipment and the like?
5. I notice that the CCC (page 23) impressively claims to be carbon neutral and goes on to explain you "reduce business travel." Yet on page 68, the summary shows travel (presumably business) and subsistence increased from £228 to £411975. Is there a reason for this massive (percentage wise) jump? Also, can you say whether the money was more travel - or more food, hotels and subsistence costs?
6. Do any CCC staff at any level have 'company' cars or an allowance towards one? If so can you say the number and if they can be used for non-electric cars?

Our response:

Thank you for your request. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Please find our response below.

1. This is correct.
2. Others represent a number of secondees and loanees from other government departments that are not on the CCC payroll, but have been included in the total staff number as they have worked for the CCC during some or all of the 21-22 financial year.
3. The staff composition table is published in the Annual Report and Accounts.
4. The research costs are for externally commissioned research projects.
5. Travel and subsistence costs during 2020-21 were significantly lower due to the Covid travel restrictions in place for the majority of the period. Travel and subsistence costs during 2021-22 were therefore expected, and planned, to be higher than those incurred in 2020-21. Steps which we have taken to reduce business travel include moving a significant number of our stakeholder engagement and routine meetings online.
6. CCC staff do not have company cars and do not receive any allowances towards a company car.

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Kind regards,
Climate Change Committee