

Freedom of Information (FOI) request

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Your request:

Under the Environmental Information Regulations,

1. Has the CCC considered whether Mr Topping may hold a conflict of interest in respect of certain areas of policy development, including carbon offsets?
2. If so, what was the outcome of this consideration?
3. Is Mr Topping required to recuse himself from any area of policy development work as a result of his outside interests?
4. Please provide copies of correspondence generated within the organs of the CCC that are responsible for governance and risk, and/or ethics and integrity, and/or the declaration and management of outside interests that discuss Nigel Topping's interests and his work for outside companies including ICE Benchmark Administration Sastrugi AXA Imperative Xpansiv Ecor that was generated in the following two periods of time:
 - 01 May - 2 June 2023
 - 01 April - 03 May 2024
5. Please provide a full copy of Mr Topping's declaration of interests form, if he completed one, on his appointment to the CCC in 2023.

Our response:

Thank you for your request. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Questions 1, 2, 3 and 5: Mr Topping's interests are recorded in the Register of Interests which is available for you to review on the CCC website: [Register of Interests](#). There are no further records to disclose.

Question 4: There is no correspondence to disclose.

The FOIA gives the right to see information or records held by an organisation and, therefore, in accordance with FOIA the records held by the CCC have been disclosed above. The FOIA does not require organisations to answer general questions, however, we are able to confirm that as part of the process to consider Mr Topping's interests no actual or potential conflicts of interest were identified. Mr Topping is not currently required to recuse himself from any specific policy areas, however, as with all Committee Members this is kept under review.

Information disclosed in response to this FOIA request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on the CCC website, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the CCC website.

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. Please note that this publication will not include your personal data.

Kind regards, Climate Change Committee