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Dear Adrienne

QUALIFIED PERSON UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

As you may be aware, the Office for Nuclear Regulation is subject to the Freedom of Information Act and was inserted under Schedule 1 (Part VI) by the Energy Act 2013 Schedule 12 (Para 75).

Section 36 of the FOIA provides an exemption for information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs. Section 36 requires that a 'qualified person' must determine whether the exemption is engaged in any particular case. This would normally be a Minister of the Crown; however a Minister may authorise the public authority itself or any officer or employee of the authority to be the qualified person.

I hereby authorise the Chief Executive, and Director of Policy and Communications in their absence, to be the 'qualified person' for the purposes of Section 36 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely
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Minister for Business and Industry