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By email foi@uea.ac.uk

Dear Mr Palmer,

Your Ref: FOI_08-23
IPCC, 2007 WGI Chapter 6 Assessment Process

Thank you for your letter of 19th May 2008. My request remains on the basis of either the FOIA or the EIR and it is not immediately obvious to me how one decides which might apply in advance.

I have now read Dr Briffa's letter of 15th May in answer to mine of 31st March for which I have thanked him. As he indicates that he will refer further enquiries to you I must advise you that I do not feel it answers any of my questions satisfactorily apart from the last and continue to seek any and all documents held by CRU relating to Dr Briffa's participation in the IPCC, 2007 assessment reports.

In addition to the questions I put to Dr Briffa, and without limiting my request for all information relating to the IPCC assessment process not already in the public domain, I will specify further particular areas for which I am seeking information.

1. The IPCC stated¹ on July 1, 2006:

“We are very grateful to the many reviewers of the second draft of the Working Group I contribution to the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report for suggestions received on issues of balance and citation of additional scientific literature.”

Did the IPCC receive any such "suggestions" in a written form other than those reported in the documents for each chapter entitled "IPCC Working Group I Fourth Assessment Report: *Expert and Government Review Comments on the Second-Order Draft*"²? If so, please provide them.

2. The IPCC also stated on July 1, 2006:

“Reviewers are invited to submit copies of additional papers that are either in-press or published in 2006, along with the chapter and section number 1

¹ http://ipcc-wg1.ucar.edu/wg1/docs/PublicationDeadlines_2006-07-01.pdf

² <http://ipcc-wg1.ucar.edu/wg1/Comments/comments/>

to which this material could pertain, via email to ipcc-wg1@al.noaa.gov, not later than July 24, 2006. In the case of in-press papers a copy of the final acceptance letter from the journal is requested for our records. All submissions must be received by the TSU not later than July 24, 2006 and incomplete submissions can not be accepted.”

Please provide a copy of all such responses.

Any such responses described in 1 and 2 above are clearly "written expert and government review comments" as defined in "Procedures for the Preparation, Review, Acceptance, Adoption, Approval and Publication of IPCC Reports" in the Principles Governing IPCC Work.

3. Please also supply any emails or other documents from IPCC contributing author Caspar Ammann or the Journal Climatic Change that discuss any matters in relation to the IPCC assessment process.

Yours sincerely,

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