

Dear Sir

With reference to the continued presence of Prof Boulton on the Review team, Sir Muir Russell is quoted as saying:

it would be impossible to find somebody with the qualifications and experience we need who has not formed an opinion on climate change .

The issues given in the remit of the Review team are:

1. Examine the hacked e-mail exchanges, other relevant e-mail exchanges and any other information held at the Climate Research Unit to determine whether there is any evidence of manipulation or suppression of data which is at odds with acceptable scientific practice and may therefore call into question any of the research outcomes.
2. Review the Climate Research Unit's policies and practices for acquiring, assembling, subjecting to peer review and disseminating data and research findings, and their compliance or otherwise with best scientific practice.
3. Review the Climate Research Unit's compliance or otherwise with the University of East Anglia's policies and practices regarding requests under the Freedom of Information Act (the FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations (the EIR) for the release of data.
4. Review and make recommendations as to the appropriate management, governance and security structures for the Climate Research Unit and the security, integrity and release of the data it holds.

There appears nothing in these issues that requires any expertise or even interest in climate change. Prof Boulton's position on climate change goes further than simply having 'an opinion', and Sir Muir Russell has still failed to justify how the inclusion of Prof Boulton can be squared with the very clear statement of supposed impartiality in the FAQs. To this observer, the Review team has been discredited before it has even started.

Regards

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