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Our Ref: FOI008463

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## **Freedom of Information Request – F0008463**

Dear XXXXXXXX,

I refer to your request for information as follows:-

- *Details of all ministerial visits to Merseyside in the past 12 months, including details of how much was spent on transport during those trips, and what transport was used.*

I am writing to confirm that the Department for Transport has now completed its search for the information that you requested on 28 December 2011.

The information that you have requested is presented in a table at Annex A.

If you are unhappy with the way the department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/04  
Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: [FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the DfT Press Office on 0207 944 3232. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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## **Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

## Annex A

Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP			
Date of Visit	Purpose of Visit	Mode of Transport	Cost
June 28 2011	National Rail Conference	Train	£123

Rt Hon Justine Greening MP			
Date of Visit	Purpose of Visit	Mode of Transport	Cost
N/A	No visits to Merseyside within specified timescales		

Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP			
Date of Visit	Purpose of Visit	Mode of Transport	Cost
N/A	No visits to Merseyside within specified timescales		

Norman Baker MP			
Date of Visit	Purpose of Visit	Mode of Transport	Cost
July 19 2011	Traffic Management and Bus Priority Conference	Train	£188

Mike Penning MP			
Date of Visit	Purpose of Visit	Mode of Transport	Cost
June 15 2011	Coastlink Conference	Train	£86