

by email to: XXXXXXXXXXXX

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Our Ref: F0008150

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Dear XXXXXXXX,

Freedom of Information Request:

I refer to your request for information dated 27 September 2011. I have dealt with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request was as follows:

I would like to apply under the freedom of information laws for details of spending by the Department on newspaper cutting services and archives each month since May 12, 2009.

The Department's newspaper cuttings services spend for the central Department and each of its seven executive agencies is shown in the table below.

Neither the central Department nor its agencies pay for a cuttings archive service.

Month	DfT(c) National Cuttings Service	DfT(c) Regional Cuttings Service	DSA	HA	DVLA	MCA	GCDA	VOSA	VCA
May 09	£6546.21	£5129.20	£376.43	£4,688.65	£220.45	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
June 09	£7161.42	£5495.27	£418.51	£5,813.18	£220.45	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
July 09	£5750.67	£5390.55	£526.49	£5,323.34	£232.70	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Aug 09	£5388.83	£4483.99	£507.15	£1,982.52	£257.20	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sept 09	£5349.91	£5622.28	£521.59	£5,862.61	£171.45	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Oct 09	£5782.67	£4606.14	£405.29	£5,589.54	£260.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nov 09	£4280.87	£4552.65	£391.98	£5,017.28	£220.45	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dec 09	£5937.37	£3985.55	£443.19	£5,744.79	£230.25	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Jan 10	£5609.07	£4888.45	£414.64	£7,206.84	£673.60	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Feb 10	£4312.20	£4625.81	£484.43	£4,575.89	£205.75	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
March 10	£5263.65	£4973.75	£766.64	£7,321.38	£144.50	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
April 10	£4879.16	£5806.56	£554.20	£3,423.12	£161.65	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
May 10	£5263.43	£2385.77	£515.70	£2,917.84	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
June 10	£3715.84	£2464.68	£477.06	£3,058.89	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
July 10	£4052.50	£3158.40	£620.35	£2,841.19	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Aug 10	£3342.41	£2790.44	£654.89	£2,984.57	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sept 10	£3934.69	£2704.72	£914.49	£2,356.72	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Oct 10	£6443.14	£3597.62	£1127.37	£2,852.85	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nov 10	£6023.26	£3484.05	£612.00	£2,755.24	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dec 10	£7419.47	£3270.78	£442.34	£4,074.25	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Month	DfT(c) National	DfT(c) Regional	DSA	HA	DVLA	MC A	GCDA	VOS A	VCA
Jan 11	£7390.93	£3,342.31	£505.44	£3,507.83	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Feb 11	£7046.44	£3,570.05	£714.54	£2,525.75	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mar 11	£6162.51	£3,623.99	£683.48	£2,808.13	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
April 11	£6330.00	£2,777.70	£786.56	£2,530.34	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
May 11	£6330.00	£3,319.54	£559.07	£2,501.50	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
June 11	£6330.00	£3,209.43	£1310.48	£2,547.13	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
July 11	£3772.87	Nil	£1351.08	£2,827.95	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Aug 11	£3305.72	Nil	£534.50	£2,888.80	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sept 11	£3595.01	Nil	Costs not yet received	£1,016.92	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

DfT(c) – Department for Transport (Central)

DSA - Driving Standards Agency

HA - Highways Agency

DVLA - Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency

MCA -Maritime and Coastguard Agency

GCDA - Government Car and Despatch Agency

VOSA - Vehicle and Operator Services Agency

VCA - Vehicle Certification Agency

The costs shown above are the direct costs of the press cuttings services provided to the Department. Royalties paid to the Newspaper licensing Agency (NLA) are not included in the costs above, except for DfT(c)'s regional cuttings and DVLA's costs whose contract rates had NLA charges included.

DfT(c) and HA have recently started receiving an e-cuttings service from a new supplier as part of a new pan-government contract. Early indications of the new contract costs are that it will realise substantial savings over the old arrangements. DfT(c) also ceased its regional press cuttings service when the previous contract expired in June 2011.

The above information reflects the cost of service provided to DfT(c) and its Agencies in the month indicated. Payments however weren't necessarily paid within that month. All figures are exclusive of VAT, except for DSA, in which VAT is included at the prevailing rate at the time.

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

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

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
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SK9 5AF