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Our Ref: XXXXXXXXXXXXX

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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 11 March 2011, which has been dealt with under the terms of the FoI Act 2000.

**Request: My query concerns information published in the consultation material for HS2. Please explain the inconsistency between the totals in Appraisal of Sustainability, Appendix 3, Table 5 (page 8) and The Economic Case for HS2, section 3.3.9 (including Table 3) pages 18 and 19. For example Table 5 gives a total of 99,000 journeys/day, while page 18 of the Economic Case gives 136,000**

Response: The table referred to in the AoS refers to total HS2 daily demand to/from London in 2043, whereas the reference on page 18 of the *Economic Case for HS2* refers to passengers using HS2 each day on the section between the Birmingham Interchange and Old Oak Common. The AoS figures relate to the origin/destination of passengers, whereas the number in the *Economic Case for HS2* relates to a total flow regardless of individual origins/destinations. There is no inconsistency between these figures.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. A copy of this response and the information provided may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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

You have the right to complain within 40 working days 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 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  
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