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Email: XXXXXX

Dear XXXXXX,

I am writing to confirm that the Department has completed its search for the information you requested on 3rd February under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked : "Please can you advise me of the cost of subsidies 1) for buses and 2) rail travel in last complete financial year?"

1) The Department for Transport publishes information on bus statistics at:  
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/statistics/datatablespublications/public/bus/> .

Statistics on estimated net support paid by central and local government (at current prices) for local bus services and concessionary travel by area type in England from 1996/97 to 2009/10 are available in Table BUS0502 at:  
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/statistics/datatablespublications/public/bus/support/bus0502.xls>.

2) The Department for Transport (DfT) provides a supplemental input of subsidy payment and premium received from Train Operating Companies (TOCs) to the annually published National Rail Trends year book.

The information requested is contained in the 2009-10 publication (Table 6.2c Subsidy per passenger kilometre by TOC) - please see the link below:  
[http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/upload/pdf/nrt\\_ch6\\_miscellaneous\\_tables.pdf](http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/upload/pdf/nrt_ch6_miscellaneous_tables.pdf)

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. The Department will, therefore, be simultaneously releasing to the public the information you requested, 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

St Leonards on Sea  
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 me. 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