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By e-mail

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Dear XXXXXXXXXX

FOI request: f0008388 - Humber Bridge maintenance fund

Thank you for your e-mail request of 22rd November. In that e-mail you have asked for the following information;

“Have the DfT any records of contact with the Board during this last year about this (maintenance) fund? If so then can we please have details of any correspondence, emails or minutes.”

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records I have established that the information you have requested is not held by this Department. In my earlier e-mail of 21st November, I said at that time that we had no record of receiving an application from the Humber Bridge Board to raise the maintenance fund above the £10m limit, as is required under Section 7 of the Humber Bridge Act 1971.

However, since receiving your FOI request, on 23rd November XXXXXXXXXX has since written to the Secretary of State, (Rt Hon Justine Greening MP), seeking agreement of the Board's intention to raise the maintenance fund above the £10m limit. A copy of that letter is attached for information.

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Yours sincerely,

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