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Dear XXXX,

**YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST, REF: F0009448**

Thank you for your information request of 11 November 2012 regarding a report produced for the Department by NERA entitled: Updating the VPF and VPIs: Phase 1, Final Report. You requested the following information:

(1) is there any follow up report or Phase 2 report in existence or planned?

(2) on page 40 a reference is made to a Deloitte report of 2009: I presume this is the report listed on page 68 with the title "Review of the Highways Agency Value of Life Estimates for the Purposes of Project Appraisal" which is described as "unpublished report to the National Audit Office". Can you supply a copy of this report please.

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information.

Regarding the first part of your request, rather than a single report, Phase 2 has been planned as a programme of work to implement the majority of the recommendations from Phase 1. We have implemented the recommendations to uprate values using an annual, rather than quarterly, GDP per capita index and to update the police cost component. Implementation of other Phase 1 recommendations will form part of our ongoing process for updating WebTAG guidance.

Regarding the second part of your request, you are correct in your assumption that the report referred to on page 40 is that listed on page 68 as a "Review of the Highways Agency Value of Life Estimates for the Purposes of Project Appraisal" and a copy of that report is attached.

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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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