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Dear XXXXX

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request, dated 7th February, for the following information:

"This Government and Network Rail are currently committed to the Crossrail Project and the electrification of the Great Western Mainline from London to Newbury and Oxford. Both of these projects will involve replacing diesel trains with electric trains on the line from London and along the GWML. As a result of this can you tell me how many diesel vehicles are expected to be replaced by electric vehicles as a result of these two projects?"

The Department has now completed its search for the information which you seek.

It is estimated that around 40 diesel units (made up of a mixture of both two and three car sets) are likely to be cascaded by electric trains. This is based on a series of assumptions including the current train formations and service patterns known at the time the announcement was made, concerning the electrification of the Great Western Main Line, to which you refer. The decision about the exact number of two and three car sets to be displaced will be made by the franchise operator nearer the time, based upon an analysis of overall traffic levels then prevailing and the operator's detailed timetabling and unit diagramming plans".

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:

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Do remember to quote the reference number shown above, in any future communications.