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Our Ref: F0008371

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Dear XXX

Freedom of Information Request - F0008371

Thank you for your information request of 28 November 2011. You requested the following information:

How much money has been spent on artwork (which for the purpose of this request I would like to include paintings, statues, portraits, photography, installation art, frames, decorative furniture and ornaments, etc) from 2006 to the current date?

Can you also please supply a breakdown of the items bought to include what they were, how much was paid for them, and where they are currently displayed

How much money has been spent maintaining and storing the artwork from 2006 to the current date?

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.

The Department for Transport comprises a central department and seven executive agencies:

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency
Driving Standards Agency
Government Car and Despatch Agency
Highways Agency
Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Vehicle and Operator Services Agency
Vehicle Certification Agency

This response covers both the central department and our seven executive agencies.

Since 2006 the Department has spent £2,172 on 19 posters and frames for the Department for Transport ministerial suite. Expenditure was incurred between November 2008 and December 2009. Further details, including cost at the time of acquisition, are attached in a table at Annex A. These items are maintained at nil cost.

No new items of artwork have been purchased by the Department since 12 May 2010.

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

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 XXX. 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

Annex A

Year	Description	Total cost
2008-09	3 framed posters	£775
2008-09	1 framed poster	£132
2008-09	3 frames	£255
2009-10	1 transport poster* (not framed)	£3
2009-10	1 transport poster* (not framed)	£8
2009-10	1 transport poster* (not framed)	£10
2009-10	1 transport poster* (not framed)	£26
2009-10	Imperial Airways - Flying Boat - poster*	£166
2009-10	Early Electric Car Advertisement for Babcock Electric Victoria Phaeton, c.1907*	Included above
2009-10	Cunard Line, RMS, Aquitania*	Included above
2009-10	Framework and associated costs for posters and prints	£798
		£2,172

Notes;

- *These are unlimited prints
- All the above items are located in the DfT Ministerial Suite