

via e-mail:
XXXXX@XXXXX

Dear XXXXX,

Freedom of Information Request – F0007243

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 10 January 2011 and apologise for the delay in responding. In your request you asked for:

1. The total expenditure on renovation and redecoration by the department since the formation of the new government in May 2010.
2. Please break down this figure in as much detail as possible, including the materials bought, labour costs, and the date and nature of the work.

The Department for Transport was formed in May 2002 and comprises a central department and seven executive agencies:

Government Car & Despatch Agency (GCDA)
Highways Agency (HA)
Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA)
Driving Standards Agency (DSA)
Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA)
Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA)
Vehicle & Operator Services Agency (VOSA)

This response covers both the central department and our seven agencies. Within the Department for Transport the GCDA, HA and DSA have incurred expenditure on renovation and redecoration; details are provided at Annex A, a further breakdown is not available. All costs include VAT unless otherwise stated.

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

XXXXX
Deputy Director, Property
Department for Transport
Zone 4/06
Great Minster House
76 Marsham Street
London SW16 4DR

Direct Line: 0207 XXXXX
Fax: 0207 XXXXX
GTN No: 3533 XXX

XXXXX@dft.gsi.gov.uk

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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 XXXXX, Senior Press Officer, on 020 XXXXX or XXXXX@dft.gsi.gov.uk. 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 - Department for Transport renovation and redecoration costs since May 2010

Department for Transport Headquarters

Description	Cost	Notes
Decoration to lower ground main lift lobby	£2,741.51	See note 1
Notes: 1 Work was carried out by Amey Community Ltd.		

Government Car and Despatch Agency

Description	Cost	Notes
New floor	£2,364.46	The expenditure relates to the purchase of a new non-slip floor.

Highways Agency

Description	Cost	Notes
External and Internal decorating at Felley Outstation	£2,501.63	See note 1
External and Internal decorating at Shepshead Outstation	£2,479.32	See note 1
External and Internal decorating at Watford Gap Outstation	£2,543.34	See note 1
External and Internal decorating at Carville Outstation	£3,167.05	See note 1
External and Internal decorating at Sprotborough Outstation	£2,837.25	See note 1
External and Internal decorating at Ansty Outstation	£3,278.60	See note 1
External and Internal decorating at Hilton Park Outstation	£3,111.76	See note 1
External and Internal decorating at Longbridge Outstation	£3,300.91	See note 1
External and Internal decorating at Strensham Outstation	£3,292.18	See note 1
Internal decorating at Federated House, Dorking	£9,779.22	See note 2

Internal decorating at Lateral Building, Leeds	£570.57	See note 2
Building of an Acoustic Wall at BPR, London	£11,857.40	See note 2
Dilapidations at end of lease at Broadway	£830,176.04	See note 2
Notes: 1 Work was carried out by Taylor Woodrow. A further breakdown is not available. 2 Work was carried out by Amey Community Ltd. A further breakdown is not available.		

Driving Standards Agency - Revenue works - net of VAT

Description	Cost	Notes
Internal decorating at Elgin	£1,345	See note 1
Minor repairs and redecoration at Wick	£17,439	
Internal repairs at Musselburgh	£1,770	
External and internal repair at Newton Abbott	£8,439	
Notes 1 Invoice received in November for payment		

Driving Standards Agency - Capital works

Description	Cost	Notes
Refurbishment at Bletchley (Completed in 2009/10)	£5,207	See note 1
Expansion and full renovation at Norris Green	£274,266	
New centre – fitting out at Merthyr Tydfil	£82,167	
Expansion and refurbishment at Upton	£46,765	
New centre – fitting out at Bradford Thornbury	£74,336	
New centre – fitting out at Durham	£67,159	
Expansion and refurbishment at Pinner	£4,996	See note 2
Expansion and refurbishment at Tolworth	£6,395	See note 2
New centre – fitting out at Dorchester	£5,540	See note 3

Internal alterations and remedial works at Goodmayes	£70,838	See note 4
Refurbishment at Tunbridge Wells	£1,767	See note 1
Refurbishment at Wednesbury	£4,910	
Notes 1 Release of retention money 2 Works not started. Costs relate to fees for design etc. 3 Relates to Advance works 4 Works follow fire risk assessment		