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Dear xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Re: Freedom of Information Request – P0009087

Thank you for your information request of 18 July 2012. You requested the following information:

- 1. The total amount of money paid to all trade unions for financial years a) 2010-11 and b) 2011-12.**
- 2. Please state:**
 - a. Which trade unions your organisation provide staff time to work on trade union duties and / or activities (sometimes called 'Trade Union facility time') in i) 2010-11 and ii) 2011-12.**
 - b. The number of full time equivalent staff that were provided for each trade union in i) 2010-11 and ii) 2011-12.**
- 3. Does your organisation automatically deduct trade union subscriptions from staff salaries in the payroll process in order to pass them on to the union? If so, how much did your organisation charge each union for this service in a) 2010-11 and b) 2011-12?**

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

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

A copy of the information is below at Annex A.

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/01
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 me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A.

1. The total amount of money paid to all trade unions for financial years a) 2010-11 and b) 2011-12.

There have been no payments made by the Department for Transport including its seven Executive Agencies to any Trades Union during the financial years 2010 -11 or 2011-12.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX was previously advised of this information in respect of the year 2010 -11 in the Department's response to their request for information (Ref: F0007950) dated 7 September 2011 and published on the Department's web-site.

2. Please state:

a) Which trade unions your organisation provide staff time to work on trade union duties and / or activities (sometimes called 'Trade Union facility time') in i) 2010-11 and ii) 2011-12.

The Department for Transport, including its seven Executive Agencies, permits elected representatives of officially recognised Trades Unions to have an annual allocation of paid time off from their official duties

(facility time), in order to undertake their duties as Trades Union officers. The Department does not allocate time for Trades Union activities.

The Trades Unions that are permitted to have an allocation of facility time as outlined above for i) 2010-11 and ii) 2011-12 are:

- The Public and Commercial Services Union
- Prospect
- The FDA
- Unite

b) The number of full time equivalent staff that were provided for each trade union in i) 2010-11 and ii) 2011-12.

The table below sets out the numbers of FTE trades union representatives that are permitted allocations of facility time for i) 2010-11 and 2011-12. XXXXXXXXXXXXX was previously advised of this information in respect of the year 2010 -11 in the Department's response to their request for information (Ref: F0007950) dated 7 September 2011 and published on the Department's web-site.

	2010 -11					2011 -12				
Dept/Agency	PCS	Prospect	FDA	Unite	Total	PCS	Prospect	FDA	Unite	Total
DfT (c)	3.18	0.73	0.00	0.00	3.91	3.23	0.22	0.30	0.00	3.75
DSA	6.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.60	6.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.50
DVLA	13.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.00
GCDA	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.60	0.69	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.60	0.69
HA	3.64	4.00	0.00	0.00	7.64	3.69	3.67	0.00	0.00	7.36
MCA	1.08	0.34	0.00	0.00	1.42	3.55	0.47	0.00	0.00	4.02
VCA	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.04
VOSA	3.37	2.96	0.00	0.55	6.88	3.37	2.96	0.00	0.55	6.88
Totals	30.93	8.08	0.00	1.15	40.16	33.41	7.38	0.30	1.15	42.24

3. Does your organisation automatically deduct trade union subscriptions from staff salaries in the payroll process in order to pass them on to the union? If so, how much did your organisation charge each union for this service in a) 2010-11 and b) 2011-12?

The Department collects trades union subscriptions at the request of and on behalf individual staff members. There is no charge for this service.

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