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Web Site: www.dft.gov.uk

By email: XXXXX

13 May 2011

Dear XXXXX,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – REFERENCE NUMBER: F0007578

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 13 April.

You requested details and minutes of meetings/correspondence between the DfT and representatives of the Isles of Scilly Steamship Company, St Marys, Isles of Scilly from 6 May 2010 to 31 March 2011.

DfT officials met representatives of the Isles of Scilly Steamship Company (IoSSC), XXXXX and XXXXX, twice during the time period above – on a visit to Penzance Harbour on 14 September 2010 and in a meeting at DfT offices in London on 3 March. Representatives from Cornwall Council were also present at both meetings. There were no minutes taken at either meeting. There has been no correspondence between DfT officials and representatives of the IoSSC during this time period.

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.

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 me. 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