

XXX

via e-mail:

XXX

Dear XXX

**Freedom of Information Request - F0009009**

Thank you for your information request of 15 June 2012. You requested the following information:

**I would like to request information on how much you have spent in the past three years on any kind of artwork or sculpture; an itemised list of the costs; details of the works; who created them; and whether they are on public display.**

**I would be interested in any information and any document held by your organisation regarding my request.**

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 information that we hold is set out below.

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.

During 2009-10 the central Department spent £1,011 on 7 posters and frames for the Department for Transport ministerial suite. Further details, including cost at the time of acquisition, are attached in a table at Annex A. The central Department has not made any further purchases since the 2010 Election.

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12 July 2012

The Driving Standards Agency (DSA) has spent £1,000 on artwork for the rest rooms at their Newcastle office. The costs relate to 5 wall coverings supplied by Film Shield and the subject is landscapes including one of the Tyne Bridge. These are not on display to the general public.

In addition the DSA have spent £1,400 on framing and printing 31 pictures taken by DSA staff. These are not on display to the general public.

The above costs were incurred in January 2012.

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 XXX. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

**XXX**

## **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  
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## **Annex A**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total cost</b>
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	The following three posters: - Imperial Airways - Flying Boat - poster* - Early Electric Car Advertisement for Babcock Electric Victoria Phaeton, c.1907* - Cunard Line, RMS, Aquitania*	£166
2009-10	Framework and associated costs for posters and prints	£798
		<b>£1,011</b>

Notes;

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