Reply by email XXXX

Thameslink Rolling Stock Project

Our ref: P0007923

Providing applicant with information requested

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 7th July 2011. I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested.

1. 'Could I ask if you [Minister of State Theresa Villiers] have ever visited my wonderful engineering town, particularly Bombardier?'

The Minister of State visited Bombardier in her capacity as Shadow Transport Secretary of State on Monday 18 May 2009. The Minister is due to deliver the keynote speech at the Bombardier conference on 3 November 2011, which will be held at the Derby Conference Centre.

2. Under the Freedom of Information Act what relevant information is available on this contract?

The Department publishes all Freedom of Information requests and the answers given on its website. Further information on the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project can be viewed at

http://www2.dft.gov.uk/pgr/rail/pi/thameslinkrollingstock/, including the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) Notice and the Invitation to Tender.

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:

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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/Agency] 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:

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