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Dear XXXXXXXXX

10 October 2012

Freedom of Information request - F0009260

Thank you for your request for information dated 12 September. In your request you asked for items lost or stolen from the Department in the 2011 calendar year of the following items;

- a) computers, mobile phones, blackberrys, projectors, memory sticks and vehicles – numbers and values
- b) please provide the total estimated cost of replacement

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information. I have provided the information requested for the whole Department including its Executive Agencies, our shared service centre (SSC) and the central Department. The Department has a central database containing summary records of lost and stolen items for the whole Department including its Agencies and the Shared Service centre, from reports sent directly to it. The details provided do not include losses or thefts where records are not available centrally, or where such losses, thefts or crimes were not reported. While some of this information may exist in records held locally within the central Department, the Agencies or the SSC such information could only be obtained at disproportionate costs in excess of £600. Section 12 of the Act does not oblige the Department to comply with requests that exceed this limit, and we are therefore refusing your request in so far as it relates to any such additional information that may be held locally. The annex A to this letter sets out the exemption in full.

The table below summarises information available from the Department's central database on reported lost and stolen items in the calendar year of 2011 together with the total estimated cost of replacement.

Item	Lost	Stolen	Estimated Cost per item	Total estimated cost of replacement
Computers	5	13	£ 580	£ 10440
Mobile Phones	12	0	£ 30*	£ 360*
BlackBerrys	25	3	£ 155	£ 4340
Projectors	0	0	£ 0	£ 0
Memory sticks	9	3	£ 45	£ 540
Vehicles	0	0	£ 0	£ 0
				£ 15680

*In respect of mobiles, the replacement cost is dependant on the phone and contract, but £30 per device would be a guide although some will be free of charge

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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Your right to complain to the 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

Section 12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

(2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.

(3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.

(4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—

(a) by one person, or

(b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign,

the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.

(5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated