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Dear XXXX

## **Freedom of Information Request**

I refer to your request for information below. Your request was received on 26 May 2011 and I have dealt with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. *How many meetings have been held between DfT ministers and Google executives? Please could you provide full details of all of these meetings in the following format: date – location – length of meeting – attendees – subject matter.*

*Please provide a copy of the full minutes of these meetings, where minutes were kept. If none are available, please provide a short précis of the matters discussed and any conclusions made.*

*Please could you also include any appearance by ministers at events (for example: conferences, fundraisers) organised by Google.*

2. *How many meetings have been held between DfT officials and Google executives? Please could you provide full details of all of these meetings in the following format: date – location – length of meeting – attendees – subject matter*

*Please provide a copy of the full minutes of these meetings, where minutes were kept. If none are available, please provide a short précis of the matters discussed and any conclusions made.*

*For all questions, the time period covered is since the coalition government came in 2010.*

I can confirm that since the 2010 General Election, no meetings have been held between DfT Ministers and Google Executives, nor has any Minister appeared at an event organised by Google. This also applies to DfT officials including staff in DfT's seven Executive Agencies (Highways Agency, Driving and Vehicle Licensing Agency, Vehicle and Operator Services Agency, Driving Standards Agency, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Vehicle Certification Agency and the Government Car and Despatch Service).

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  
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E-mail: [FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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 XXXX in our Press Office on 020 7944 XXXX. 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.

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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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