

# Department for **Transport**

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Our Ref: F0007903

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Dear XXXXX,

## **FoI REQUEST REFERENCE F0007903**

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 19 July 2011. In your request you asked:

***“Please may you disclose a full list of transactions you have made for the 2007-8, 2008-9 and 2009-10 financial years on any Apple Macintosh or Apple computers, Mac laptops, iPhones, iPads or iPods of any generation or model***

***For each transaction, please specify:***

- i. How many items of each product was purchased,***
- ii. The cost of each item”***

The Department for Transport (DfT) was formed in 2002 and consists of a central department and seven executive agencies as follows:

Highways Agency  
Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency  
Driving Standards Agency  
Vehicle & Operator Services Agency  
Maritime & Coastguard Agency  
Vehicle Certification Agency  
Government Car & Despatch Agency

This response covers both the central department and our seven executive agencies. The information requested for our executive agencies and DfT Central IT Services Directorate is contained in Annex A to this letter.

We are unable to determine, locate, retrieve and extract information on Apple products purchased for the rest of the Central Department because we do not keep a central record of this information. We would need to contact every budget manager in the Central Department across multiple teams in order to obtain this information. This would breach

the FOI cost limit of £600. Section 12 of the Act (the full text of which is attached at Annex B) does not oblige the Department to comply with requests that exceed this limit, and we are therefore refusing this part of your request.

If you send us a new, more specific request, we will consider if that can be dealt with within the limit. This may include reducing your timeframe and specifying a particular part of the Central Department that may have purchased Apple products such as Rail, Roads, Aviation or Maritime policy areas.

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 the Department for Transport 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**

<b>Department/Agency</b>	<b>Device</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Highways Agency	1 x IPod shuffle	2008/09	£30 inc vat	Prize incentivise to staff to complete a travel survey
Highways Agency	1 x IPod shuffle	2009/10	£45 inc vat	Green awareness day prize for sustainable travel
DVLA	2 x Apple Mac Pro OD8250GB	2007/08	£5,384.60 exc vat	
DVLA	2 x Apple cinema HD display	2007/08	£983.18 exc vat	
Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA)	1 x Apple Macbook laptop	2007/08	£594.89 exc vat	
VOSA	1 x iPhone	2008/09	£0	Funded from credits given by Orange for monthly line rentals (cumulative connection credits)
VOSA	6 x iPhones	2009/10	£0	Funded from credits given by Orange for monthly line rentals (cumulative connection credits)
VOSA	2 x iPad	2009/10	£529 each inc vat	

**Please note** nil returns for DfT Central IT Services Directorate, Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), Driving Standards Agency (DSA), Government Car and Despatch Agency (GCDA) and Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA).

## **Annex B**

### **Section 12 exemption:**

#### **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.