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Dear XXXXXXXXXXX

FOI Request relating to the London 2012 Games

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 15th November 2011 and for the follow up response clarifying the information you are seeking. The FOI Act obliges us to respond to requests promptly, in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving the clarification to your request.

1. Notes of the DfT board meeting on the 26th March 2010

I am able to supply the presentation and speaking notes requested, please find them enclosed with this letter.

2. Results of completed tests of transport infrastructure relating solely to travel held by the DfT.

The results of testing programmes within the transport domain, that the Department for Transport is aware of, are mainly owned by other parties including transport operators such as TfL and Network Rail. We can confirm that the Department for Transport holds information covering this subject. However, because some of the information may concern safety and security we must consider whether release of the information that you have requested is in the public interest, or whether a section 24 exemption (National Security) applies. We will be doing a public interest test, and will release the information that we can following this process.

3. Questions relating to Risk.

On the subject of the information available to answer your original query, and question two of your clarification email, we can confirm that the Department for Transport holds information covering this subject. However, because some of the information may concern safety and security we must consider whether release of the information that you have requested is in the public interest, or whether a section 24 exemption (National Security) applies. We will be doing a public interest test, and will release the information that we can following this process.

4. Use of Qualified Exemptions

When a qualified exemption applies to the information, we are not required to comply with your request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances. We do, of course, aim to make all decisions within 20 working days, including in cases where we need to consider where the public interest lies in respect of a request for exempt information. In formulating a response to your request, on points two and three above, some complex public interest considerations have been raised which must be analysed fully, before we can come to a decision on releasing the information.

In your case we need to extend our response time limit by 20 working days in order to assess what information we are able to disclose. Therefore, we plan to let you have a full response to the outstanding questions by 18th January 2012. If there is a need for any further delay we will keep you informed.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact XXXXXX in the DfT Press Office.

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

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.

Yours sincerely

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ANNEX A

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 Cheshire SK9 5AF