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Dear Mr Barnett

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank you for your request dated 25 November for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act concerning inspections of overhead motorway sign gantry lighting on the M74. We have now completed our search for the information you request.

I should firstly explain that the South West Unit, within which the M74 falls, is managed and maintained by Amey Infrastructure Services on behalf of Scottish Ministers

Having considered your request, it has been determined that the information you seek under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act, 2002 is exempt in terms of section 25 of that Act, in that it relates to information already published and available other than by making such a request. The information in relation to inspection and repair of lighting on overhead gantries is set out in schedule 7 of the 3rd Generation South West Unit contract categorised as traffic signs. The contract is published on the Transport Scotland website at www.transportscotland.gov.uk or directly by the following link [3G South West Unit contract](#).

However, for ease of reference you may find the following information useful. The 3G contract states that inspection of traffic signs should be carried out every 14 days in winter and 28 days in summer. Inspections are carried out from a slow moving vehicle to identify defects. Any necessary repairs should be incorporated into a planned programme of works wherever possible with a maximum time limit of 6 months. Amey are currently preparing a full programme of works for these gantries to be included on an appropriate schedule.

Defects reported by members of the public will be investigated, and once identified will be scheduled into a planned programme of works wherever possible and repaired within the required 6 month period.

You have requested information as to why so many gantry lights are non functioning on the M74 between junctions 1 to 6 as of November 2008. This request for information falls outwith the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) as the act provides individuals with a right of access to all recorded information held by Scotland's public authorities.

I hope you find this to be of assistance. If you require further clarification of these points then please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Lees', written in a cursive style.

Scott Lees
Network South Manager