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Dear Mrs Drysdale

Freedom of Information – MV Derbyshire

I am writing in response to your FOI request dated 10 February 2009, in which you asked:

Does the Department hold any correspondence or any other information, in recorded form, referring, in any way, to the website <http://mv-derbyshire.blogspot.com> or to any of the issues raised/materials published thereon? If yes, could you please provide us with details and copies of that information?

We understand this request to be in three parts, as below:

1) Does the Department hold any information referring to the website <http://mv-derbyshire.blogspot.com>?

The Department does not hold any information referring to that website.

2) Does the Department hold any information referring to the materials published thereon?

The Department holds no such information.

3) Does the Department hold any information relating to the issues raised thereon?

Our understanding of this request is that you are seeking a broad range of information including – but not limited to – everything which relates to MV Derbyshire in general, and specifically:

- The construction of MV Derbyshire;
- The loss of MV Derbyshire in 1980;
- The original Formal Investigation into the loss of MV Derbyshire held in 1987;
- The search, discovery and survey of the wreck of MV Derbyshire in 1994;
- The Reopened Formal Investigation (RFI) into the loss of MV Derbyshire held in 2000;
- The report of that RFI; and,

- The presentation hosted on behalf of the Derbyshire Family's Association by the Department for Transport in 2008.

The cost of compliance with such a wide-ranging request would exceed the statutory limit established by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because of the quantity of information to which the request relates. However, we may be able to provide you with the information you seek if you can clarify or narrow the scope of your request.

The activities considered in estimating whether the limit would be exceeded cost are:

- determining whether the requested information is held;
- locating the information or documents containing the information;
- retrieving such information or documents, including reading a file for the first time; and,
- extracting the information from the document containing it (including editing or redacting the information).

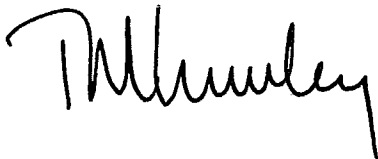
If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

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 [DfT/Agency] 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