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Dear Mr Amis,

Freedom of Information Act Request F0016581 - David Higgins Self-Reports on Performance

I refer to your request dated the 8th October 2018 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information about Sir David Higgins' annual reports on his own performance.

Having carried out a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that the Department does not hold any historic self-assessments by Sir David Higgins, who stood down as Chair of HS2 Ltd in July 2018.

I can confirm that whilst the performance of the HS2 Ltd Chair has always been directly accountable to the Secretary of State for Transport, the formal requirement to provide a self-assessment to the Department was introduced as part of the revised Framework Document in May 2018.

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 FOI Advice Team at:

Zone D/04
Ashdown House
Sedlescombe Road North
Hastings
East Sussex TN37 7GA
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

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Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

Lynette Denny

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
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