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Dear Kristian Healey-Ryder,

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 February, in which you made the following request for information:

Under the Scotland Act 1998, internet and wireless technology, including broadband, is a power reserved to Westminster.

The Scottish Government provides figures on its investment on this critical area, but I have been unable to find equivalent figures from the UK Government.

Therefore, I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following: for each of the last 10 years, how much money has the UK Government given to the Scottish Government earmarked specifically for broadband infrastructure in Scotland?

Please accept our apologies for the delay in our response. We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I can confirm that the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) does have some information within scope of your request. Please see the information presented below. Please note, this information relates to the Superfast broadband programme and years money was provided for this. This programme was not active prior to 2014, hence why no information is held prior to this.

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	TOTAL
Phase 1 - Scotland	£20,000,000	£30,000,000		£50,000,000
Phase 1 - Highlands & Islands	£50,830,000			£50,830,000
Phase 2 - Scotland			£20,990,000	£20,990,000
Total	£70,830,000	£30,000,000	£20,990,000	£121,820,000

Yours sincerely,



Complaints and comments

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: foi@dcms.gov.uk. You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.