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Dear Graeme Amis,

FOI-21-4462

Thank you for your information request which was received on 23 November 2021. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information ('FOI') Act 2000 ('the Act').

REQUEST

"Please could you let me know how many staff you have working full time on fraud and corruption/ as part of the fraud and anti-bribery/corruption team for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Please also let me know how many investigations were conducted in each of these years."

RESPONSE

HS2 Ltd holds information relevant to your request. However, we are withholding this on the following grounds:

- **Section 31(1)(a): Law Enforcement - Prevention of Crime**

s.31(1)(a) exempts information if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. Please see <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/31> for more detail. Please see **Annex A** for the details of our reasoning.

Additional Information

You can find details of fraud, bribery and corruption reporting in our annual reports and accounts. Please see the links below.

2020-21

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011180/HS2_Annual_Report_2021_Accessible.pdf - page 35

2019-20

<https://assets.hs2.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/21144727/HC-399-Report-and-Accounts-of-High-Speed-Two-HS2-Limited.pdf> - page 42

2018-19

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/818262/HS2-AR19-BOOK.pdf - page 30

2017-18

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/727921/22343_HS2_AR17-18_WEB.pdf - page 27

HS2 website includes a link to our Anti-fraud and anti-bribery policy -

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/about-us/our-publication-scheme/our-policies-and-procedures/>

Right to Review

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain in writing to HS2 Ltd. Please find below details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure which includes your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI-21-4662** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

J. Palmer

Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Adviser
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Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd within 40 working days of the date of this response 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.

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
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