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Dear Mr Owen

## **Freedom of Information Case Ref No. F0014780 - Runcorn and Widnes new Gateway Bridge**

Thank you for your information request of 22 April. You requested the following information:

*Can you please supply the approximate number of vehicles expected to use the Mersey Gateway new bridge per year. What of this number will be motor cars, small goods transport (3.5t to 18t) medium goods transport (18t to 30t) and heavy goods transport (30t to 44t).*

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information. The information in answer to your request is set out below.

The expected usage of the new Bridges has been estimated at different times over the lifetime of the scheme's development using traffic models. The estimate and the nearest that meets your requested split are:

	Cars	Large Goods Vehicles	Other Goods Vehicles	Total
Silver Jubilee Bridge	8,289	1,985	2,098	12,371
Mersey Gateway Bridge	38,248	4,855	3,418	46,521
				58,893

Source: Appendix E of the Value for Money Report from October 2013.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. A copy of this response and the information provided may now be published on the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) web-site, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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](mailto:FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

Please send or copy any follow-up correspondence relating to this request to the FOI Advice Team to help ensure that it receives prompt attention. Please also remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

Yours sincerely,



Charlie Sunderland

## **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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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