

Graeme Amiss

By email: request-511708-862d01a5@whatdotheyknow.com

31 August 2018

Dear Mr Amiss

FOI18-2082

Thank you for your information request of 21 August. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information 2000 ("the FOI Act").

In your correspondence you requested the following information:

- 1. How many members are there on the FOI team?***
- 2. What are the total number of FOI requests to HS2 Ltd which have been refused?***
- 3. Please provide further details as to where refused FOI requests are documented."***

I can confirm that HS2 Ltd holds the information that you have requested and this is provided as follows. Please note we address each of your requests for recorded information in turn for ease of reference.

1. How many members are there on the FOI team?

At this time, there are 4 members of the team.

2. What are the total number of FOI requests to HS2 Ltd which have been refused?

Our records show 182 requests have been refused.

3. Please provide further details as to where refused FOI requests are documented.

As we are under no obligation to publish such requests, these are documented internally.

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 at the address below. Please also see attached details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI18-2082** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

Alistair Hobbs

Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Adviser
High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd 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.

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