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Dear Mr Silverman,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – REF NO: F0011480

I refer to your request for information request dated 23 June in which you are seeking a copy of a report in respect of analysis of the relative benefits and costs of national highways maintenance as referred to on Page 7 of the National Audit Office report entitled, 'Reducing costs in the Department for Transport'.

This is to confirm that your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Department for Transport commissioned a contract last year for a study to be undertaken to improve the evidence base for valuing the benefits of Highways Maintenance spending. The outputs from this study will increase both the Department for Transport's and local highway authorities capabilities in monetising the benefits of spending on highways maintenance of local roads.

Following a competitive tender process, TRL was appointed to undertake the work. As this study is still ongoing no final report has yet been published.

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 Information Rights Unit at:

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

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

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SBM', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Berry
Head, Highways Maintenance Branch
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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
Cheshire
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