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Dear Mr Rukin,

Thank you for your email received on 11th December 2015, within which you requested the following information:

“If I understand the sequence correctly, the Major Projects Authority produce two annual reports on HS2. I submitted request to you earlier in the year (F0012817) regarding the first one in 2015. This request relates to the second report conducted in 2015.

I would at the very least like to know the latest traffic-light rating given to the HS2 project by the Major Projects Authority, and when this happened. I would also like a copy of this report. Failing this, I wish to know the areas of concern and/or suggested actions which have been recommended.”

In relation to your request for sight of the “second report conducted in 2015”, this information is not held by the Department. By way of clarification, the Major Projects Authority (MPA) do not produce two annual reports on HS2 as a matter of course. The last HS2 MPA report giving an overall delivery confidence assessment (traffic light rating) for the whole project is the December 2014 MPA report on HS2. This report is the subject of your earlier request (F0012817) which has been withheld in reliance on the exemption at section 35(1)(a) of the FOI Act. We do not hold a more recent MPA report covering the overall HS2 project.

You may find it helpful to know the MPA release an annual report each year covering all the major projects on the Governments portfolio. The last such MPA annual report was published 25 June 2015. A copy of this report is attached and can also be found on the gov.uk website via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/major-projects-authority-annual-report-2015>

You may also wish to know that, as of 1st January 2016, Infrastructure UK (IUK) and the Major Projects Authority (MPA) merged. The new organisation, which will be called the Infrastructure and Projects Authority (IPA), will bring together expertise in the financing, delivery and assurance of Government major projects. The press release announcing this change can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-creates-new-body-to-help-manage-and-deliver-major-projects-for-uk-economy>

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Yours sincerely,

Alex Kent

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