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Dear Miss Baker

Re: Aviation

Thank you for your three requests for information dated 1 June 2018 addressed to Public Health England (PHE). Your requests have been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

For clarity, I have addressed your 3 requests below with the corresponding case reference number.

Case ref 185

Please provide copies of any correspondence, meeting minutes or notes between the DfT, the CAA, the Dept. of Health, Public Health England and DEFRA in the past twelve months concerning the calculation of any financial dis-benefit by the present operations of any UK airport. If such calculation has not been undertaken, please advise whether this issue has been discussed (including relevant notes) at the IGBC(N) or covered in interdepartmental correspondence.

You have referred in your question to the "IGBC(N)", we have assumed that you mean the Interdepartmental Group on Costs and Benefits Noise Subject Group (IGCB(N)). PHE does not hold this information.

Case ref 186

The department of transport has used webtag to assess probable impacts in their aviation national policy statement (NPS) in reference to Airport expansion. The WebTAG Noise Workbook provides a detailed analysis of the numbers of households considered to be

exposed to changes of 3dB greater or less noise in 2030/2040/2050 ('without scheme' and 'with scheme', as the basis of the economic assessment contained in the NPS. In addition, the Noise Workbook - Worksheet 1 states that 972,957 households will be exposed to increased noise and 673,784 households will be exposed to reduced noise by the forecast year. This analysis can only have been undertaken using noise contour maps. Please supply any correspondence, emails, meeting minutes and copies of all the relevant maps used in any meetings or discussions between your department and the department of transport to arrive at the figures reflected in the Noise Workbook referred to above and in the NPS.

PHE does not hold any records of meetings or discussions with the Department for Transport on noise contour maps used to arrive at the number of household figures in the Noise Workbook referenced in your request, and in the Airports National Policy Statement.

Case ref 187

Please supply copies of all relevant correspondence, meeting minutes or notes during the years 2016 and 2018, involving any of the following parties; the DfT, the CAA, Dept. of Health/Public Health England and DEFRA concerning the establishment and agreement of the monetisation values used in the WebTAG calculations of monetised impacts for the purposes of the Revised Draft National Policy Statement (NPS) economic case. Please supply relevant copies of any formal or informal agreements relating to the above.

PHE does not hold this information.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

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