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Dear Ms Chahal,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – RESPONSE TO REQUEST

Please accept our apologies for the late response to your request for information received on 06-JUL-2011 and which has now been considered.

You requested:

1) The number of bus services that received subsidies in your area in the last financial year (2010/11)

Our response: [126](#)

2) The percentage of bus services that received subsidies in the last financial year (2010/11)

Our response: [20%](#).

[Please note that the reference to a "service" may refer to a single bus, such as an early bus, or a specific weekend bus, rather than a subsidy for the whole service. Moreover, these may cover a service that runs once a week, for example a market day service that would not be provided without the subsidy.](#)

3) The amount that you spent on bus subsidies in the last financial year (2010/11)

Our response: [Durham County Council spend = £4,408,524](#)

4) The amount of money that will be spent on bus subsidies this financial year (2011/12), in 2012/13 and in 2013/14

Our response: [\(Per net budget 11/12\):](#)

[11/12: £3,331,353](#)

[12/13: £3,331,353](#)

[13/14: £3,331,353](#)

5) The percentage cut that was made to your formula grant from Government this year (2011/12)

Our response: [14.8% \(= £34.3m\). Please find attached the delegated approval report regarding the cuts implemented by Durham County Council.](#)

Our formula grant will be cut by a further 11.1% (21.9million) in 2012/13. Over the 2 years the percentage reduction to bus subsidy is therefore marginally lower than the overall level of cuts to Council funding.

I hope that this information is of assistance, however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact:

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Yours sincerely,

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