



**Department  
for Transport**

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REF F0009580

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Dear Mr O'Hanlon

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) ACT 2000 – Ref: F0009580**

Thank you for your emails dated 12 & 19 December 2012, in which you asked for the following information:

Who is the department's chief scientific advisor and who supports them in this role?

The Chief Scientific Adviser for the Department for Transport is Professor Roderick Smith. The Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser is Dr Miles Elsdon.

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/01  
Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-Dxx@xxx.xxx.xxx.xx

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. You should quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

**C Taylor**

### **Your right to complain to the 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  
SK9 5AF