

**Mr Graeme Amis**

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Dear Mr Amis

## **FOI18-2090**

Thank you for your information request of 28 August 2018. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information 2000 ("the FOI Act").

In your email you requested the following information:

**"I understand that since the original business case for HS2 was produced, the contingency has been considerably reduced.**

**Please provide any documents which relate to the reduced risk/reduced contingency and the decisions behind reducing the contingency."**

I can confirm that HS2 Ltd holds information in relation to your request.

Annex A enclosed provides the value of and the percentage change in the contingency for Phase One and Phase Two of HS2. These figures are from the Spending Review (SR) settlements in 2013 and 2015. Please note that the SR13 figures are shown in 2011 prices whereas the SR15 figures are shown in 2015 prices, i.e. taking into account inflation between 2011 and 2015.

Annex B provides details on the contingency change for Phase Two, the approach and reasons for decisions taken. Phase One and Rolling Stock contingency has remained within 1%, this small change reflecting adjustments to the approach taken, with our assessment of the risks not having changed.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain in writing to HS2 Ltd at the address below. Please also see attached details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI18-2090** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

**F Woollard**

Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Adviser  
High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

### **Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd 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.

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