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Dear Mr. Jones,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 5th October 2010 in relation to the above.

Telent Technology Services Limited have provided the following information:

- * initial costs of each individual website
- ANSWER £10.5k for each website

- * annual ongoing costs of each website since creation
- ANSWER £500 per year for each website

- * funding sources for each website, both for initial creation & ongoing maintenance
- ANSWER Funding for Matisse (and therefore Help2Travel) is allocated to a budget identified as Network Information Management Systems (NIMS) by West Midlands Joint Committee and delegated to the West Midlands Planning and Transport Sub-committee. The total yearly allocation is known as the Local Transport Capital Settlement and is provided through specific grants under section 31 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003.

The majority of the Local Transport Capital Settlement is allocated to the West Midlands local authorities however a small proportion of the total allocation is managed centrally to cover strategic issues and NIMS is a small part of that centrally funded allocation.

In simple terms, part of the Local Transport Capital Settlement allocated to every West Midlands Local Authority is reserved to be used for strategic issues. Funding for the websites in question is met from that allocation.

Details of the Local Transport Capital Settlement may be found on the Department for Transport website at...
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/regional/localauthorities/funding/fundingstreams/capital/highwaysmaintenance/>

* monthly usage numbers ('unique visitors') for each website since launch and up to the most recent reporting period for which data is available.

- ANSWER see attached document

(See attached file: Cycle Freight.doc)

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you consider that any decisions set out in this letter are wrong for any reason or have a complaint about the way in which your request for information has been dealt with you should write to Hilary Irving, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, at the address above. She will undertake a full re-evaluation of your case.

If, following review of the matter by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request you have the right under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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