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Your ref:

Our ref: Dfl/2019-0052

5 March 2019

Dear Mr. Nicholls

Thank you for your email dated 8th February 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Regulations 2004 regarding bus lanes in Belfast.

The information requested falls within the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and the Department has considered your request within the provisions of these Regulations.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/what-are-the-eir/>.

You requested the following:

"Since its inception to date, please provide details of the following in relation to the Belfast bus lane scheme:

- 1. The total cost of installing bus lanes within the boundaries of Belfast city. Please break this down by each area (i.e. Newtownards Road, Oxford Street, Chichester Street)*

- 2. A breakdown of costs for monitoring unauthorised use of bus lanes by the public (i.e. the bus lane cameras, associated monitoring vehicle & the staff to monitor)*

- 3. The amount raised by PCNs / court action for misuse of the bus lanes, again broken down by each area.*

- 4. The total legal costs incurred with regards to notices challenged by the public and any court actions against the department in relation to bus lane penalties."*

In response to item 1:

Bus lanes delivered through Belfast on the Move in 2012/13.

The total construction costs for the provision of Belfast City Centre bus lanes, as part of the Belfast on the Move project including utility alterations, carriageway resurfacing and traffic signal alterations are as follows: - College Avenue - £187.5K, College Sq East/Fisherwick Place - £133K, Gt Victoria Street - £355K, Oxford Street - £144K, May Street/Howard Street - £537K and Wellington Place/ Donegall Sq North & East/ Chichester Street - £314K.

Bus Lanes delivered to date through Belfast Rapid Transit.

The total construction costs for the delivery of bus lanes for the Belfast Rapid Transit System including land acquisition, carriageway widening, utility relocation, footway and carriageway resurfacing, upgrade to street lighting and bus lane provision are as follows: - Upper Newtownards Rd (Albertbridge Road to Sandown Road) - £2.21M, Upper Newtownards Rd (Sandown Road to Knock Road) - £1.06M and Falls Road (Grosvenor Road to Whiterock Road) - £2.07M

In response to item 2:

NSL, the service provider contracted by the Department for Infrastructure, enforces bus lanes using fixed CCTV cameras and a mobile CCTV camera vehicle for recording unauthorised vehicles illegally driving in bus lanes.

| Total costs for monitoring bus lanes in Belfast – to date | |
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| <p>Installation of equipment, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fixed CCTV cameras and associated hardware / infrastructure / equipment – located at:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Donegall Square South○ Donegall Square East○ Great Victoria Street○ East Bridge Street○ College Square East○ Castle Street | £162.6K |
| <p>Operating costs for the 2017/18 financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lease and operation of the mobile CCTV detection vehicle• Staff• Back-office IT system• Reviewing video clips <p>(All video clips recorded by the enforcement CCTV cameras are reviewed manually)</p> | £14.7K £36.4K £30.2K £44.4K |

In response to item 3:

Please see the table in Appendix A at the end of this paper.

In response to item 4:

There are no legal costs for the Department associated with challenging Penalty Charge Notices. Cases can progress to the Traffic Penalty Tribunal, which is part of the Department for Justice (DOJ). The DOJ may have legal costs associated with the Traffic penalty Tribunal.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Departmental Information Manager
Room 5.10
Clarence Court
10-18, Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8GB

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hugh Larmour", with a horizontal line underneath it.

Hugh Larmour

Parking Enforcement Unit

CC Department for Infrastructure, Eastern Division, Traffic Management Section

APPENIX A

| MOVING TRAFFIC OFFENCES IN BUS LANES - AMOUNT RAISED FROM PENALTY CHARGE NOTICES ISSUED FROM 22 JUNE 2015 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2019 | |
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| LOCATION | AMOUNT PAID |
| ALBERTBRIDGE ROAD | £8,775.00 |
| ANDERSONSTOWN ROAD | £9,855.00 |
| ANTRIM ROAD | £46,215.00 |
| BALLYGOWAN ROAD | £90.00 |
| BELFAST ROAD (LISBURN) | £135.00 |
| CASTLE STREET | £521,787.67 |
| CASTLEREAGH ROAD | £3,135.00 |
| CHICHESTER STREET | £4,725.00 |
| COLLEGE SQUARE EAST | £487,815.60 |
| CREGAGH ROAD | £2,250.00 |
| CRUMLIN ROAD | £270.00 |
| DIVIS STREET | £13,305.00 |
| DONEGALL SQUARE EAST | £1,501,346.03 |
| DONEGALL SQUARE SOUTH | £257,485.60 |
| EAST BRIDGE STREET | £240,974.53 |
| FALLS ROAD | £31,675.00 |
| GLEN ROAD | £540.00 |
| GREAT VICTORIA STREET | £890,342.44 |
| KINGSWAY (DUNMURRY) | £7,650.00 |
| LISBURN ROAD | £4,860.00 |
| ORMEAU ROAD | £43,320.00 |
| QUEENSWAY | £1,035.00 |
| SAINTFIELD ROAD | £27,945.00 |
| SHANKILL ROAD | £8,325.00 |
| SHORE ROAD | £77,780.00 |
| STEWARTSTOWN ROAD | £2,565.00 |
| STRANMILLIS ROAD | £135.00 |
| UPPER LISBURN ROAD FINAGHY | £16,380.00 |
| UPPER MALONE ROAD | £45.00 |
| UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD (BELFAST) | £15,840.00 |
| UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD (DUNDONALD) | £3,420 |
| UPPER QUEEN STREET | £13,185.00 |
| VICTORIA STREET | £9,585.00 |
| WHITEWELL ROAD | £675.00 |
| WOODSTOCK LINK | £990.00 |
| WOODSTOCK ROAD | £1,395.00 |
| YORK ROAD | £6,360.00 |
| YORK STREET | £5,220.00 |
| TOTAL | £4,267,431.87 |