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Dear Rebecca Lush,

Freedom of Information (FOI) Act Request reference number FOI-22650-DM

I am replying to your request, received on 26/09/2023 for an internal review of our response to your FOI request. You had asked for Full Business Cases (FBCs) of all National Highways schemes above £200m and approved since January 2020.

You have requested a review of our response as you believe further information beyond what was included in the original response is held by the department.

Your request for a review has been passed to me to deal with, as I had no involvement in the handling of your original FOI request. In conducting my review, I have sought further information from the Roads and Projects Infrastructure Delivery team who handled your original request. This review focuses on whether any information is held that was not previously disclosed or withheld in the original response.

The Roads and Projects Infrastructure Delivery team have confirmed that, whilst your request has asked for schemes above £200m, FBCs are only provided to the department when the value is over £500m. This is because National Highways have delegated authority for projects up to £500m and are not required to provide a copy of any FBC to DfT up to that value. In those cases where the value is under £500m there may be an FBC, however DfT are not in receipt of these for any of the schemes in scope of your request and therefore do not hold the information you have requested. You can submit a request directly to National Highways using their online form available here – <https://foiform.highwaysengland.co.uk/>.

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 via their online form: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/>.

Yours sincerely,

Information Management and Rights Team