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Dear J Newman

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Speed camera revenue

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 24 February 2017.

You asked for the following information:

"As regards the revenue a local authority might generate from the deployment of speed cameras, can you please clarify what (if any) proportion it can retain (to cover costs etc.) and what proportion it must return to central government and any other bodies?"

I can confirm that HM Treasury does hold information within the scope of your request.

All revenue generated from speed cameras – through fixed penalty notices issued by local police forces or speeding fines issued by the courts – is transferred into the Consolidated Fund, which is regarded as Central Government's current account. Fines are considered a tax-type revenue and Government departments and their agencies are legally obliged to surrender these receipts to the Treasury. These receipts are used towards general Government expenditure.

Further details about the Consolidated Fund can be found online at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hmt-central-funds

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

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Unit

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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