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Dear Mr Wright

**Information request**

**Reference number: FOI2019/00234**

Thank you for your email of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019, in which you requested the following information:

*I would like answers to the following points;*

- 1. Is grounds maintenance (ie mowing, tree work, weed spraying etc) work undertaken by in-house teams or contracted out?*
- 2. Who is responsible for managing in-house grounds maintenance teams or contractors?*
- 3. What is the contact name, address and email of the person responsible for managing grounds maintenance activities?*
- 4. What is the annual grounds maintenance budget?*
- 5. Do you receive additional Government, non-profit or voluntary donations, specifically for grounds maintenance tasks?*

I have reviewed your request but I have encountered some difficulty in locating the information that would best answer your queries. Please can you confirm exactly what is included in your term "ground maintenance"? For example, are you referring to maintenance in stations, or along the trackside or maintenance provided where our land backs onto private property (belonging to our lineside neighbours), or was your request in reference to other types of grounds maintenance?

Please also note that the rail network is divided into eight geographic routes; were you looking to receive this information for a specific route or were you seeking this information

on a national basis? This might turn out to be a particularly relevant consideration since decisions like these are often devolved to local teams and there may not ultimately be an answer to many of your questions at a national level. You may find it useful to visit the following link to understand more about our geographical route structure:

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/>

Finally, if your request is in relation to vegetation management, you may also find it useful to visit another page on our website for more information:

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/who-we-are/transparency-and-ethics/transparency/datasets/> - when accessing this page, please go to 'V' and then the 'Vegetation Management' category

I am unable to progress your request without this information, so I will close your case until I receive your response. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the 20 working days I have to respond to your request will commence when I receive your clarification.

If you would like to discuss any of the above please feel free to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in all future correspondence.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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