

J Marriott

By email: request-534905-df1ee578@whatdotheyknow.com

21 May 2019

Dear J Marriott

FOI19-3088

Thank you for your information request of 07 February.

I am sorry for taking so long to respond.

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information 2000 ("the FOIA").

FOI18-2201 PWC Benchmarking Study

I am seeking clarification regarding your response dated 24th January 2019

Re Answers 1 and 2

The only reference in the PWC report to the cost / speed difference is in the footnote on page 35 where it states that HS2 Ltd assessed the impact. It does not mention 'Periodic Review'.

Who initiated the HS2 Review that was referred to in the footnote?

When was this initiated and completed?

Please provide a copy of that review, and any other documents used in its preparation, which show the analysis and assumptions underpinning the 9% figure.

Who carried out the Periodic Review?

Please provide a copy of the Periodic Review.

Re Answers 3 and 4

Please provide a copy of the rolling stock report that assessed the savings in operation & maintenance.

Why did the report only consider speeds down to 300km/h?

Please see below for the response to your request.

Re Answers 1 and 2

The only reference in the PWC report to the cost / speed difference is in the footnote on page 35 where it states that HS2 Ltd assessed the impact. It does not mention 'Periodic Review'.

Who initiated the HS2 Review that was referred to in the footnote?

When was this initiated and completed?

As you are aware, the FOIA provides public access to information held by public authorities. After a search of our records, we hold no information in respect of these parts of the request.

Please provide a copy of that review, and any other documents used in its preparation, which show the analysis and assumptions underpinning the 9% figure.

After a search of our records, we do not hold a copy of that review nor any documents which show the analysis and assumptions requested.

Who carried out the Periodic Review?

After a search of our records, we do not hold any recorded information in respect of this part of the request.

Please provide a copy of the Periodic Review.

After a search of our records, we do not hold a copy of this report.

Re Answers 3 and 4

Please provide a copy of the rolling stock report that assessed the savings in operation & maintenance.

After a search of our records, we do not hold a copy of this report.

Why did the report only consider speeds down to 300km/h?

After a search of our records, we hold no recorded information in respect of this part of the request.

While no information is held by HS2 Ltd, it is possible that the Department for Transport (DfT) may hold some of the information you require. The contact details for DfT are <https://forms.dft.gov.uk/foi-dft-and-dft-agencies/>

Right to Review

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain in writing to HS2 Ltd at the address below. Please also see attached details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI19-3088** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

Alistair Hobbs

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Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

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