

David T Short

[By email: request-393232-5ae20b3b@whatdotheyknow.com]

Freedom of Information Act Request – F0014614

Dear Mr Short

I refer to your request dated 3rd March 2017 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information about the breakdown of income tax spent on transport. Specifically you asked:

“a percentage of Income Tax is described as being spent on Transport. Can you provide any further breakdown of what elements of Transport e.g. road construction / repairs this money is spent on.”

I have interpreted your request to refer to the annual summary of income tax that is sent to taxpayers by HMRC. I am writing to advise you that this Department does not hold any recorded information that would show the breakdown of income tax spent on transport. Transport is funded from general taxation, of which income tax is only one part; and the Department only holds records on transport expenditure incurred by central government, not local government.

Although we cannot, therefore, directly answer your question, you may find the following documents are of interest. The Department's annual report and accounts provide analysis of the Department's own expenditure and can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dft-annual-report-and-accounts-2015-to-2016>

Information about the total of government expenditure analysed by sectors of the economy, including transport, can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/569815/Country_and_Regional_Analysis_November_2016.pdf (see, in particular, Table B1).

If you wish to ask for more information about the figures provided to taxpayers by HMRC then you could try contacting the FOI team at HMRC:

https://online.hmrc.gov.uk/shortforms/form/DPU_FOI_Request?dept-name=DPUFOI&sub-dept-name=&location=37&origin=http://www.hmrc.gov.uk

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Zone D/04
Ashdown House
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Hastings
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E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please send or copy any follow-up correspondence relating to this request to the FOI Advice Team to help ensure that it receives prompt attention. Please also remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

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Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

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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
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