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Dear Mr Haville,

FOI-21-4172

Thank you for your information request which was received on 22 April 2021. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information ('FOI') Act 2000 ('the Act').

REQUEST

For the HS2 2020 business case - Transport user benefits - Reduction in train journey times = £39,070 bn.

Can you tell me the number of passengers / day used for EACH year in the calculation & over how many years were used in the calculation.

I have looked in PFMv9_Assumptions_Report_Revision1_1 & nowhere does it state the actual passenger numbers used for each year.

Just restating that the info I require is available somewhere in a 101 page document with 86 tables & littered with rail industry jargon descriptions does NOT fully answer my request.

So please reply with page number(s), table(s) & how to convert the number(s) in that table into passenger numbers / day used for EACH year of the Transport user benefits calculations.

RESPONSE

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you requested
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

The appraisal period for calculating Transport User Benefits is 60 years from scheme opening, in accordance with Department for Transport (DfT) TAG guidance. The appraisal periods for each phase of the HS2 Ltd scheme are listed in Section 3.3, pp.20 "[PFMv9.0 Assumptions Report](#)"

The daily/annual passenger numbers for every year is not required in order to calculate the Transport User benefits. HS2 Ltd therefore does not hold information on the number of HS2 passengers per day in each year of operational service.

The value of Transport User Benefits is calculated by following DfT Guidance (See DfT TAG Guidance Unit A1.3). To estimate the value of Benefits, HS2 Ltd runs four tests – a Do minimum and a Do Something for average weekdays in two forecast years – for each phase of the scheme. Daily Benefits in individual years are then estimated based on the interpolation between the two forecast years for each phase (see [PFMv9 Model Description Report](#) Section 12, pp 196-206). The forecast years for PFMv9.0 are 2029/30 and 2039/40 (see [PFM Assumptions Report](#), Section 2.3, pp.15).

For the second forecast year (2039) under full Phase 2b operation the daily passengers (defined as boarders onto an HS2 service) in the PFMv9 PLD model is 342,022. This does not include HS2 boarders from the regional sub models which contribute a small additional number of passengers.

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. Please find below details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure which includes your right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Please remember to quote reference number **FOI-21-4172** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Sent on behalf of Carl Bird

Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Manager
High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd within 40 working days of the date of this response 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
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