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Dear Mr Rukin

Freedom of Information Act Request - F0017135

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 16 February 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for the following information:-

Over recent months various ministers and HS2 Ltd employees have claimed that HS2 is 'supporting 7000 jobs'

Could you please explain exactly what this means?

What criteria do you use to determine whether or not a job is being 'supported' by HS2?

How was the number '7000' determined? Please show your working.

The 7000 jobs figure came from numbers submitted to HS2 Ltd's supply chain, plus those employed by HS2 directly. These figures have since been updated. On Jan 31, 2019, HS2 directly employed 1629 People as employees / via an Agency, and had 764 employed as contractors.

The figure for those employed in the Supply Chain was 6034. HS2 Ltd do not break down the figures any further than how many are employed.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within

two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's FOI Advice Team at:

Zone D/04
Ashdown House
Sedlescombe Road North
Hastings
East Sussex TN37 7GA
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

Christopher Curson
High Speed and Major Rail Projects

Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain 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. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

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
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Wilmslow
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