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Dear Mr Gordon

Ref: FOI2017/14091

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Railway infrastructure funding for Northern Ireland

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 17 August 2017.

You asked for the following information:

"Many consultations by the NI Executive have concluded that expansion of the railways in Northern Ireland costing 7 billion could potentially accelerate the economic growth in the private sector and tourism, with a return on each investment. One consultation called DRD Consultation - Future Railway Investment - MAG Response refers to this. I would like to request what the Her Majesty's Treasury is intending to do to provide the relevant funding in the Northern Ireland Block Grant to expand the railway infrastructure network. Also, i would like to request if the Current Chancellor of the Exchequer has been made aware of the returns on this investment from your department and the branch of the Exchequer.

Also, i would like to request information regarding why infrastructure has been under funded compared to UK Mainland and when exclusions apply to the Barrent formula."

I can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold information within the scope of your request.

By way of background, decisions on railway funding in Northern Ireland are devolved to the Northern Ireland Executive. Information on how the UK Government funds devolved administrations is available online at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/479717/statement_of_funding_2015_print.pdf

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Unit

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