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Dear Mr Hutton,

Freedom of Information request 09/1487 - Ed Milliband's travel costs and carbon footprint

Thank you for your email of 8 October requesting the following information on the Secretary of State's travel:

"I wish to make a FOI request for information on the number of times Mr Miliband has travelled on aircraft since he became climate change Minister and how much this has cost. I also want to know what Mr Miliband's 'CARBON FOOTPRINT' is with all the flights he takes. I am also interested if Mr Miliband has a government car and how many miles he has travelled in that car and how many times he uses the train and bus to travel around in the course of his duties. I also would like to know if Mr Miliband travels first class or economy class. Finally can you please let me know if Mr Miliband will travel to the climate change conference in Denmark later this year on an aircraft."

I am dealing with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Under the Act we can withhold information which is already reasonably accessible elsewhere under Section 21 of the Act. The information you requested regarding the Secretary of State's overseas travel is available from the Cabinet Office at the following link: http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/propriety_and_ethics/ministers/travel_gifts.aspx. If you do not have access to the Internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local public library, or you can request a paper copy by contacting me.

We estimate that to search for the remaining information you have requested will exceed the limit prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. This is £600, which represents the estimated cost of spending 24 hours in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Above this, we are not obliged to comply with a request. If you could refine your request so it is just asking for train journeys taken or the class the Secretary of State travels in within a set time it may be that we could answer the request although I cannot guarantee

this will be the case. I can confirm that we do not hold any information regarding the Secretary of State's travel to the Copenhagen Climate Change conference as travel arrangements have not been made at present.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to request an internal review please contact the DECC FOI team at the following email address at foi.requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk.

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

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas Aluko', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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