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Dear Dr Özdemir

Freedom of Information request F0019787

Thank you for your information request of 14th May 2021. In this request, you asked the following:

Dear Department for Transport,

Have any born-digital records been transferred to TNA? If so, what is the volume and type of records?

If not, when is it anticipated that digital transfers will begin?

Does your department use technology-assisted review for its sensitivity review of digital records or does it still use a file by file approach?

The Department for Transport was formed in 2002 and consists of a central department (DfT(c)) and four executive agencies as follows:

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA)

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for information and below is the response to your request:

I have consulted with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), Driver Vehicle and Licensing Agency (DVLA), Driver Vehicle and Standards Agency (DVSA) and the Vehicle Certification Agency and this response is on behalf of DfT(c) and the agencies.

DfT have not yet transferred any born-digital records to TNA. DfT does not anticipate transferring many, if any digital records to TNA before 2028, creation of digital records

significantly increased in DfT from 2008 and creation of paper records declined from this date.

DfT do not use technology-assisted review for its sensitivity review of digital records and has not yet developed a process for sensitivity review.

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:

FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.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 see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mark Lyons

Your right to complain to Department for Transport 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:

www.ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/0303 123 1113