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Dear XXXXX,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - F0007091**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 17 November 2010 which we received on the 17 November 2010. You asked:

***"Is any external work being undertaken or being commissioned by the Department in relation to Mike Penning's proposed review of the MOT scheme, or is it planned to commission any such work, and, if so, at what cost and with what specific objective?"***

Ministers intend to review the MOT test scheme using the latest available evidence. Part of this will include a study to understand the extent to which passenger car, light vans (up to 3.5 tonnes) and motorcycle roadworthiness, particularly defects, is a primary or contributing factor in crash causation and subsequent casualty injury outcome. The cost to the Department will be a maximum of £9,996.45 and further details are available on the Department's website: http://www.dft.gov.uk/rmd/project.asp?intProjectID=12889.

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 Information Rights Unit 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 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,

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## Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain 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 by the DfT 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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