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Dear [REDACTED]

I write regarding your email to the BTP Freedom of Information department on Thursday 6 May, which was forwarded to the British Transport Police Authority, a separate organisation, on Friday 7 May. You requested the following the following information which we have treated as a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We can confirm that we hold all of the information you have requested and this is provided below.

The source of funding for BTP

BTP's annual revenue budget is collected by the Authority from all rail industry Police Service Agreement (PSA) holders - these include Network Rail, train and freight operating and maintenance companies.

The Force also receives an annual capital budget from the Department for Transport and ad hoc funding from the Home Office, and other sources, for one off projects.

To whom its use of funds is accountable

The Force is accountable to the Police Authority for its use of revenue and capital funds and reports to the full Authority on this on a regular basis. The following link will direct you to records of previous Authority meetings where expenditure has been scrutinised.

<http://btpa.police.uk/committees/the-full-authority/record-of-committee-meetings>

Our Accounting Officer arrangements have recently changed; the Authority's Chief Executive is now the principal Accounting Office for the Force and Authority; the Chief Constable is an additional Accounting Officer with day to day responsibility for expenditure at the Force.

How its accounts are professionally and independently audited

The accounts are prepared by the Force Finance team, with oversight from the Police Authority, and are audited annually by the National Audit Office; please see page 31 of the most recent (2008/9) BTPA accounts for an audit statement from the NAO

<http://btpa.police.uk/publications/finances>

To whom do the BTPA Members report?

On a day to day basis, to the Authority Chairman. Ultimately, to the Secretary of State for Transport who appoints Police Authority Members under Schedule 4, Part 1 (1) of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003.

Do please contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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