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From: Barrick, Lucy
Sent: 17 January 2011 18:02
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request for Information under the FOI Act
Attachments: BTP and CSR.pdf; 20110117 CSR - DfT and arms length bodies reducing administrative costs.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14 December in which you made a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Specifically you requested the following information from the British Transport Police Authority;

- (a) All documents - including emails - submitted by your organisation to central government departments and/or government ministers, as part of the Coalition Government's Comprehensive Spending Review since 12th May 2010. (This would include any letters, briefings or option papers prepared by your organisation outlining the impact that changes and/or reductions to its budget(s) may have on the service(s) you deliver.)

BTPA Response: [The BTPA does not hold any such information.](#)

- (b) All documents - including emails - submitted by your organisation to central government departments or government ministers, as part of the Coalition Government's Public Bodies Review since 12th May 2010. (This would also include any letters, briefings or option papers prepared by your organisation outlining the impact that reform or abolition would have on the services you deliver.)

BTPA Response: [The BTPA does not hold any such information.](#)

- (c) Any revised business, explanatory papers, options papers or letters submitted by your organisation (including electronic communications) to central government departments or government ministers to accommodate changes to your organisation's budgets following this year's Comprehensive Spending review.

BTPA Response: [The BTPA does not hold any such information.](#)

- (d) Any revised business, explanatory papers, options papers or letters submitted by your organisation (including electronic communications) to central government departments or government ministers to accommodate changes to your organisation's structure following this year's Public Bodies Review.

BTPA Response: [The BTPA does not hold any such information.](#)

- (e) Any further correspondence (i) received by your organisation directly from ministers, or their offices, and (ii) sent to ministers, or their offices, regarding the affect of the (A) Comprehensive Spending Review and (B) Public Bodies Review on your organisation since 12 May 2010. (This would also include any written or electronic correspondence that details

the process your organisation should follow in order to make such submissions to these reviews.)

BTPA Response: Please see the attached documents.

I trust that this finalises your request.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 December 2010 12:53
To:
Subject: Request for Information under the FOI Act

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with:

- (a) All documents - including emails - submitted by your organisation to central government departments and/or government ministers, as part of the Coalition Government's Comprehensive Spending Review since 12th May 2010.

This would include any letters, briefings or option papers prepared by your organisation outlining the impact that changes and/or reductions to its budget(s) may have on the service(s) you deliver.

- (b) All documents - including emails - submitted by your organisation to central government departments or government ministers, as part of the Coalition Government's Public Bodies Review since 12th May 2010.

This would also include any letters, briefings or option papers prepared by your organisation outlining the impact that reform or abolition would have on the services you deliver.

- (c) Any revised business, explanatory papers, options papers or letters submitted by your organisation (including electronic communications) to central government departments or government ministers to accommodate changes to your organisation's budgets following this year's Comprehensive Spending review.
- (d) Any revised business, explanatory papers, options papers or letters submitted by your organisation (including electronic communications) to central government departments or

government ministers to accommodate changes to your organisation's structure following this year's Public Bodies Review.

- (e) Any further correspondence (i) received by your organisation directly from ministers, or their offices, and (ii) sent to ministers, or their offices, regarding the affect of the (A) Comprehensive Spending Review and (B) Public Bodies Review on your organisation since 12 May 2010.

This would also include any written or electronic correspondence that details the process your organisation should follow in order to make such submissions to these reviews.

I understand that under the Act, I should be entitled to a response within 20 working days of your receipt of this email.

Some parts of this request may be easier to answer than others. Should this prove to be the case, I would ask that you release available data as soon as possible - rather than hold up the entire request.

I would prefer to receive this information electronically. If the decision is made to withhold some of this data using exemptions within the Act, please inform me of that fact and cite the exemptions used.

If you need any clarification then please contact me at the number below or via email. Under your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that you have received this request, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature block]

Barrick, Lucy

From: Figgures, Andrew
Sent: 17 January 2011 17:54
To: Barrick, Lucy
Subject: FW: CSR - DfT and "arms length bodies" reducing administrative costs
Attachments: BTP and CSR.doc

[Here we go!](#)

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From: Mike Ainsworth [mailto:Mike.Ainsworth@dft.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 27 October 2010 14:26
To: Daniels, Marie
Cc: Figgures, Andrew; David Hibbs; Jeff Pearce
Subject: RE: CSR - DfT and "arms length bodies" reducing administrative costs

Marie

Coincidentally (or possibly not), Andrew put a very similar question to me yesterday and asked whether we had a standard line on the CSR and its implications for the BTP/BTPA. I told him that we didn't but that I'd put one together. So here it is – see the attachment. Feel free to use it or any parts of it if you should need to.

On the more specific point you raise, administrative costs covers not only direct staff costs like wages but also associated areas like accommodation, printing, stationery and so on. In the Department's own case, for example, we have been told to make 33% reductions in admin costs. We've already covered some of that by planning to give up some of our accommodation in London (including part of this building) and through the voluntary redundancy/early retirement packages that have already been offered (I'm proud to have done my bit.....) leaving only around 15% still to be achieved. We can't tell the BTP/BTPA to do reduce their own admin by that or any other percentage but I think Ministers would expect the Authority to be aware of what is going on in the Department as a result of the CSR and to reflect that in its own plans.

Mike

From: Daniels, Marie [mailto:marie.daniels@btp.pnn.police.uk]
Sent: 25 October 2010 11:06
To: Mike Ainsworth
Subject: CSR - DfT and "arms length bodies" reducing administrative costs

Hello Mike,

17/01/2011

Hope you enjoyed your weekend – although it's nippy what fabulous weather, best make the most of it as it's likely to be brollies tomorrow.

I was just reading through the CSR report again (what else on a sunny Monday morning) and I noted the following sentence "The Department for Transport and its Arms Length Bodies will reduce administrative costs by one third over the Spending Review period, saving over £100 million a year by 2014-15."

Although not really a betting girl, I suspect this will pick up BTP and BTPA (unless you can prove me wrong) – and if so, I wondered if you could give me any information regarding what is classified as "administrative costs"?? I know it's early days yet following the publication of the CSR, but any intelligence you might be able to put my way would be very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Marie

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BTP/BTPA AND THE CSR

The BTP and BTPA differ from most of the Arms Length Bodies for which the Department is responsible in that the great majority of their funding comes from train and network operators rather than from the Exchequer. The Comprehensive Spending Review therefore has only a limited direct effect on either the force or the Authority. The Government will not therefore seek to impose specific reductions on either the overall BTP budget or in areas such as the number of BTP officers, both of which are matters for the Authority. At the same time, the rail industry is subject to the same financial pressures as the rest of the economy and Ministers will expect the Authority to take account of that background in setting budgets and objectives, both for itself and for the force.