

Cllr Seb Berry

By email: SBerry@chiltern.gov.uk

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

22/05/2015

Reference: FOI15-1272

Dear Cllr Berry,

I am writing regarding your request for information received on the 03 March 2015, I apologise for the delay in responding to your request. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

You requested the following information:

The estimated £50 billion cost of HS2 (including both phases, rolling stock and contingency) is always expressed in 2011 prices, but what is your latest estimate of the current cost of the scheme in 2015 prices?

We do not hold this information. All HS2 costs and benefits have been expressed in 2011 prices since the decision to proceed with High Speed Rail in early 2012.

The Government set the overall funding envelope for HS2 in the Spending Review 2013. Overall funding for Phase One has been set at £21.4 billion, including contingency of around £5.7bn. Overall funding for Phase Two has been set at £21.2 billion, including contingency of £8.7bn which, as with Phase One, we would expect to reduce over time. The total for the route is therefore £42.6 billion, including £14.4 billion of contingency.

Rolling stock costs (the cost of the trains themselves) are currently estimated at £7.5bn, including £1.7bn of contingency.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain in writing to HS2 Ltd at the above address. Please also see attached details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI15-1272** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Manzoor Shams
Freedom of Information Officer

Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd 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.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

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