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FOI Request  P0010109

Thank you for your information request of 30 April 2013. You requested the following information:

“The number of persons and their job title working in the Department earning over £55,000 but under £75,000; the number and their job title earning over £75,001 and under £95,000; the number and their job title earning over £95,001 and under £110,000; the number and their job title earning over £110,001 and under £140,000; the number earning over £140,001 and under £175,000.”

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am writing to confirm that the Department for Transport has now completed its search for the information.

The Department for Transport was formed in 2002 and consists of a central department and six executive agencies as follows:

Highways Agency
Maritime & Coastguard Agency
Vehicle Certification Agency
Vehicle & Operator Services Agency
Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency
Driving Standards Agency

This response covers both the central department and our six executive agencies.
The information requested is set out in the attached table. This provides information on the numbers of staff earning over £55,000 and under £175,000 broken down by the bands requested.

It has not been possible to provide information on each individual job title on grounds that the cost of compiling this information would exceed the £600 ceiling for Freedom of Information requests. Section 12 of the Act (the full text of which is attached) does not oblige the Department to comply with requests that exceed this limit. Where job titles are not given the information is broken down into the Civil Service grades.

In addition some information is being withheld in reliance on the personal information exemption at section 40(2)&(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the full text of the exemption is attached at Annex A). If we were to disclose this information, it could be used coupled with information already in the public domain or known to staff working in the Department to identify individuals.

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Zone D/01
Ashdown House
Sedlescombe Road North
Hastings
East Sussex TN37 7GA
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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