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Dear Mr [Redacted]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail Freedom of Information request regarding spend and forecast spend for the Highways Agency on Highway Maintenance.

For the financial years, 2010-11 to 2013-14, the Highways Agency total expenditure on capital improvements and maintaining the network (resource and capital) was as follows:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Capital Improvements (excluding maintenance)	1,228	908	429	785
Maintaining the Network (operating costs and capital investment)	772	809	708	792

(Please note all figures are £m)

Source: Highways Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14

The budget for 2014-15 is as follows:

£m	2014-15
Capital Improvements (excluding maintenance)	1,353
Maintaining the Network (operating costs and capital investment)	857

The indicative funding for future years is as follows:

£m	'15-16	'16-17	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21
Capital Improvements (excluding maintenance)	1,064	1,101	1,509	1,789	2,230	3,114
Maintaining the Network (operating costs and capital investment)	999	1,012	1,022	1,033	1,044	1,056

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Expenditure is made through a variety of methods including frameworks.

Capital improvements and maintenance exclude any activity provided through Private Finance Initiatives.

Please note that these are indicative funding levels only. You may be aware that the Highways Agency is currently in the process of changing from being an Executive Agency to becoming a Government owned company as of 1 April '15, dependant of legislation being passed. Further details about this can be found on the attached link <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/roads-reform>

As part of being a company the Government (Department of Transport) are developing a Road Investment Strategy (RIS) which will include a "Statement of Funds Available". This is all due to be published in December. Along side the RIS, the Agency will be publishing the company's initial Strategic Business Plan which will provide some detail of the expenditure plan for the company for the next 5 years.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the legislation, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. We may therefore be publishing the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context, via our website: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/>

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at <http://www.highways.gov.uk/foiresponses/FOIresponses/8024.aspx>.

If you require a print copy, please phone the Highways Agency Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

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
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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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