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Dear XXXX,

Freedom of Information Request – F0008007

I refer to your request for information about empty properties owned by the Department for Transport. Your request was received on 17 August 2011 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Fol) Act 2000.

The Department for Transport comprises a central department and seven executive agencies:

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency
Driving Standards Agency
Government Car and Despatch Agency
Highways Agency
Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Vehicle and Operator Services Agency
Vehicle Certification Agency

Following a review of our records I can confirm that empty dwellings are owned by the Highways Agency and that there are no empty dwellings owned by any of the other above organisations.

In terms of the Highways Agency and Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested was released to Tiger Aspect Productions as part of a separate Fol request on 22 July 2011. A copy is also available on the Highways Agency website:

http://www.highways.gov.uk/aboutus/documents/CRS_659312_Response_Letter.pdf

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/04
Ashdown House
Sedlescombe Road North
Hastings
East Sussex TN37 7GA

E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

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 XXXX. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain 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. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

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
SK9 5AF