

Freedom of Information Act Request – F0013278

Thank you for your information request dated 28th January 2016. You requested the following information:

I am interested in finding figures on " the proposed yearly premium payments (subsidy) for the recently awarded Northern and Trans-pennine Express franchises?

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department for Transport (DfT) has now completed its search for the information. I am writing to confirm that the DfT does hold information that is relevant to your request.

The subsidy payments for TransPennine Express franchise are set out below in both nominal terms and in real (i.e. constant) terms in 2015/16.

£m	Year 1 2016/17	Year 2 2017/18	Year 3 2018/19	Year 4 2019/20	Year 5 2020/21	Year 6 2021/22	Year 7 2022/23	Year 8 2023/24	Year 9 2024/25
Nominal	4.9	(6.8)	(20.3)	(51.7)	(98.7)	(111.3)	(143.5)	(157.1)	(178.9)
Real - 2015/16 prices	4.8	(6.4)	(18.6)	(46.1)	(85.3)	(93.2)	(116.5)	(123.4)	(136.0)

Under section 21 of the FOI Act (for the full text of the exemption see Annex A), we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you have requested for the Northern franchise can be found on the following website:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-01-05/21124/>

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

Yours sincerely

Correspondence Manager – Passenger Services

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

Annex A

21 Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.