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Thank you for your e-mail of 20 November 2013, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as follows:

Would you please provide the total number of journeys taken by each minister in your department in ministerial cars in the 2012/13 financial year - broken down by month.

Could you also state, for each month, how many of the total journeys for each minister were only used to transport their red boxes (and not themselves).

I note this information has all been provided for previous periods on a government-wide basis, for example in an FOI response from the Department for Transport dated 25 August 2011. The DfT no longer holds this information centrally, which is why I am submitting this request to individual departments.

I am writing to confirm that the Scotland Office has now completed its search for information. It is worth noting that the Scotland Office does not use the Government Car Service (GCS) but as we do use a private company for the provision of cars for Ministerial use, I have taken your request for information relating to 'ministerial cars' to include information relating to this usage.

The information that you have requested is set out in the table below. It details the total number of journeys per month for Scotland Office Ministers, the Secretary of State for Scotland (SofS) and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland (PUSoS), covering the financial year 2012-13. Please note that we have counted the use of a car by Ministers for a single day as one journey – so a car may, for example, have been used to drive Ministers between a number of Ministerial engagements on a single journey.

One of the journeys detailed below in October 2012 was used to transport the Secretary of State for Scotland's red box without him being in the car. On no occasions was a journey

taken to transport the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State's red box without him being in the car.

Total Number of Journeys 2012/13

Month	SofS	PUSofS
April 2012	12	4
May 2012	14	3
June 2012	8	6
July 2012	14	10
August 2012	13	1
September 2012	10	4
October 2012	6	5
November 2012	11	8
December 2012	6	5
January 2013	10	6
February 2013	12	7
March 2013	9	9
Total	125	68

I hope this information is helpful. If you are dissatisfied with the decision made in relation to your request you may ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review should be addressed to:

FOI Officer
1 Melville Crescent
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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 contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE
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Yours sincerely,



Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Scotland