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Your ref:
Our ref: RFI 6259
Date: 24 February 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: ERNST & YOUNG COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS ON
THE THAMES TIDEWAY TUNNEL**

Thank you for your request for information about an Ernst & Young cost-benefit analysis of the Thames Tideway Tunnel, which we received on 4 February 2014. As you know, we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

I am writing to advise you that no such analysis was undertaken by Ernst & Young, and that the reference made to it by Richard Benyon MP on 19 March 2012 (Commons Hansard col 591) was an error. Mr Benyon subsequently corrected this error in a letter dated 3 April 2012 to Simon Hughes MP, a copy of which I enclose for your information (please note that although the date of the letter reads 2011, it is clear from the content that it should be 2012).

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

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