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Dear

Thank you for your request for information about outstanding road works, dated 27 February 2015. I have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The following information is not held in the format you have requested:

- *What is the total number of outstanding roadworks/road maintenance projects (i.e. ones that are not yet complete) in your council area?*
- *What is the total distance (in miles) that these outstanding roadworks cover (e.g. 10 miles)? If possible, could you also provide the average length of the outstanding roadworks/road maintenance project?*
- *What is the total distance (in miles) that outstanding roadworks/road maintenance projects cover on all motorways in your area? If possible, please can you break this down by motorway?*
- *What is the longest outstanding roadworks/road maintenance project in the road in your area? Please can you provide the name of the road where these works are located, how long they have been going on for (in days) and if possible the reason for these works (e.g. fixing a pothole).*

The Agency uses a Schedule of Road Works (SRW) database to allow our service providers to book 'road space' to enable them to carry out various road works along our network. To enable them to undertake work such as barrier repairs, lining, sign maintenance, surveys etc. a certain length of road space is booked to them on the SRW system, within a specific published date range. This allows our service providers to access that section of road, along its length, at any time during the published closure date, giving flexibility on weather, traffic flows etc. The actual part of the road being worked on will move along the published closure section as the works progress. For lining this will be as a mobile closure. For a long term static scheme, this is likely to be a major junction or structure which will have specific engineering difficulty and complex traffic management.

This system cannot be used, therefore, to provide accurate answers to the above questions relating to actual road work numbers and their associated mileage.

We do make every effort to ensure that the SRW system is up-to-date. However, unscheduled works may need to be undertaken urgently and occasionally planned works may need to be rescheduled at very short notice. Our current SRW bookings can be viewed on our website: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/traffic-information/traffic-information-services/scheduled-roadworks/>

We hold the following information relating to your questions below:

- *What is the total number of roadworks/road maintenance projects that have been completed over the past five years? Please can you break this down by year: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.*

2010	*
2011	*
2012	798
2013	1352
2014	1542

* maintenance completion data was not held in a central format for 2010 and 2011.

- *How much in total (£) have you spent on roadworks/road maintenance projects in your area over the past five years? Please can you provide a figure for each year: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.*

Information on Highways Agency programme spend is made available through our Annual Reports: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/highways-agency-annual-reports-and-accounts>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number FOI 717,601 in any future communications.

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: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-agency/about/complaints-procedure>

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

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