

Our ref: CRS 765,291  
Your ref:

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via email:

Direct Line:

30 August 2018

Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST A47 BASCULE BRIDGE - COSTS**

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 17 August, namely the total cost of repairs, engineering maintenance, painting, bridge road surface maintenance and employing Associated British Ports (ABP) for regular maintenance of the Bascule Bridge since 2007-2008.

The information is provided in the table below. We only hold financial information for 7 years so we are unable to provide data prior to 2010-2011. Also, to clarify, ABP are responsible for the operation of the bridge and maintenance of its control system.

Our maintenance contracts are structured so that our service providers are paid a 'lump sum' for a wide range of general maintenance duties such as pothole repairs, sweeping and cleaning duties. These activities are performed on both a routine and ad-hoc basis to meet contractual requirements. We do not disaggregate the budget and spend on individual types of activities. Therefore, spend on the Bascule Bridge cannot be extracted and is not therefore included.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
2010-2011	£1,664,222.18
2011-2012	£1,251,697.31
2012-2013	£ 465,149.96
2013-2014	£ 499,472.33
2014-2015	£ 27,456.28
2015-2016	£1,622,119.90
2016-2017	£ 764,609.00
2017-2018	£1,710,596.00
2018 to date	£ 167,487.82

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-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 765,291 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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