

Our Reference: 102225

**Safety Engineering and Standards
Official Correspondence Team**

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By Email:

20 July 2021

Dear

Thank you for your request for information about designated funds dated 22 June 2021.

We have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

1	Were any unspent funds from the Highways England Designated Fund for the 2015 to 2020 financial period returned to the Treasury?
2	How much of this money returned to Treasury was from the Environment and Wellbeing allocation for 2015-2020?
3	What amount of money from the Highways England Designated Fund for 2015 to 2020 was allocated to be spent on Environment and Wellbeing projects?
4	How much money from the Environment and Wellbeing allocation was actually spent on delivering projects for 2015-2020? Please detail total spend and break down into topline spends on projects if possible.
5	How much money from the Environment and Wellbeing allocation within the Designated Fund for 2015- 2020 was awarded to Highways England Framework contractors, to deliver projects with environmental benefit?
6	How much money from the Environment and Wellbeing allocation within the Designated Fund for 2020 to 2025 was awarded in 2020-2021 to Highways England Framework contractors, to deliver projects with environmental benefit?
7	How much money from the Highways England Designated Fund for 2020- 2025 was spent in 2020-2021 on projects where river water quality is listed a project delivery driver?
8	Please list all third party recipients (not HE Framework contractors) of the £17.7m spent through local delivery partnerships in 2020/21
9	Please list all third party recipients of the £73.34m EDF spent on projects relating to 'water' in the 2015-2020 investment period

Please find our responses below:

1	We confirm that there were no unspent funds from the Highways England Designated Fund for the 2015 to 2020 financial period returned to the Treasury.																		
2	Please see Question 1 above.																		
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7	We do not hold a breakdown of whether the driver of a project is 'river' water quality as we do not distinguish between the different types of water course. In 2020/21 £4.19m was spent on projects where water quality was the key driver																		
8	In your previous FOI request you asked us how much money had been <i>awarded or allocated</i> to partners/stakeholders for 2020 - 2025. The £17.7m figure we previous cited is the amount which has so far been <i>awarded or allocated</i> for spend throughout Road Period 2. Your question in this FOI request is about money which has been <i>spent</i> in 20/21. The amount allocated is different to the amount spent as funding is often allocated for future years and not just for the current year. The sum <i>spent</i> in 2020/21 on projects with stakeholders where funding was transferred to the stakeholder was £12.2m. Recipients of this funding include: Wildlife Trusts; National Trust; Hounslow and Ealing Councils; Wilts & Berks Canal Trust; Environment Agency; Stafford Borough Council; Cambridge County Council; Central Bedfordshire Council; The Aquifer Partnership (which comprises Brighton & Hove City Council, South Downs National Park Authority, the Environment Agency and Southern Water, working together with the Brighton and Lewes Downs UNESCO Biosphere and the University of Brighton); Forestry England; Countrywide Management Service and Bristol City Council																		
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us by email: info@highwaysengland.co.uk. Please kindly quote reference number 102225 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-england/about/complaintsprocedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or email info@highwaysengland.co.uk.

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
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Yours sincerely

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