

FOI Reference No: IM112865i
Request under The Freedom of Information Act 2015 ("The Act")

Thank you for your on-line request dated 6th December 2017

Your request (*clarification in blue italics*)(sic)

What purpose was the trip to switzerland and or austria and the cost? , *i only have Mr Longworth and others to Sitzwerland, only very recentyl*

Response to your request

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide some of the information you have requested; the reason and statutory exemption sections are shown as part of the corresponding answer below.

The reason for the travel was so that the Director, a traction engineer and a specialist railway safety engineer could visit the manufacturers and designers of modern trams operating to a similar gauge to those on the Isle of Man, assess the safety systems installed on those trams and discuss to the viability of adapting these systems for possible use on the Snaefell Mountain Railway.

With regards to the cost of the trip, we are unable at this moment in time to provide them as we do not hold them.

Under sections 11(3) practical refusal reason (a) of the Act, "the public authority does not hold or cannot... find the information that the applicant has requested"

As the trip only occurred in the last week, it is too early for the expenses to be submitted and entered on to the accounting system.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your Freedom of Information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically to foi.doi@gov.im or by delivery/post to The FOI Co-ordinator, Department of

Infrastructure, Sea Terminal Buildings, Douglas, IM1 2RF. An electronic version and paper version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at www.gov.im/foireview

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

- 1 Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act; or
- 2 Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your rights to review is on the Information Commissioner's website at: www.inforights.im/

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about Freedom of Information requests can be found at <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/freedom-of-information/>

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information
Response Team**