

TfL Ref: FOI-0569-1112, FOI-0570-1112, FOI-0571-1112, FOI-0593-1112,
FOI-0689-1112, FOI-0690-1112,
 and FOI-0691-1112

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) requests, received on 2 August 2011, 5 August 2011, and 18 August 2011.

Our records suggest that you have made 34 FOI requests to TfL in a continuous period of 59 working days (excluding bank holidays) up to and including the date of your most recent request of 5 August 2011. Because of this we are now applying an aggregate cost limit to the recent requests which we received from you between 2 August 2011 and 18 August 2011.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 exempts public authorities from the obligation to disclose the information requested, if the cost of doing so exceeds a threshold prescribed by the Secretary of State (which is set at £450 or 18 hours of work at £25 per hour under the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.). These Regulations allow authorities to aggregate the costs of replying to requests for information where two or more requests are made by one person (or by different people who appear to be acting in concert) within a period of 60 working days, when the requests relate, to any extent, to the same or similar information.

This means that Section 12 of the Act allows TfL to refuse a request for information when the aggregate cost of replying to such requests exceeds the threshold of £450.

We have estimated that, to date, it has cost £600 to provide a response to the 30 requests we received from you between 13 May 2011 and 1 August 2011, equating to an estimated 24 hours spent retrieving, assessing and compiling the information you requested. We believe to respond to the four additional requests for information you have submitted since 2 August 2011 would require at least an additional 8 hours to retrieve, assess and compile the information at a further cost of £200, totalling 32 hours of work at an overall cost of £800.

As this overall cost exceeds the £450 limit, we are therefore applying Regulation 5(1) of the Freedom of Information (FOI) and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and we will not be providing you with the information you have requested in the seven requests (FOI-0569-1112, FOI-0570-1112, FOI-0571-1112, FOI-0593-1112, FOI-0689-1112, FOI-0690-1112, and FOI-0691-1112) you

have submitted since 2 August 2011. Also any further FOI requests that we now receive within a 60 working day timeframe will also be subject to consideration under Section 12.

If you have any further queries please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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