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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your e-mail of 18 August 2008 requesting information, and the subsequent acknowledgement.

You requested the following information:

PFI Project: Vehicle Inspectorate - MOT Computerisation

Please could you provide me with the following figures for the PFI project named above:

1. The legal spend for the following projects (by legal spend I mean the amount of money paid to the external law firm advising on the project)
2. The capital value of the project (the overall total cost of the project)

In response to the above request I can confirm the following:

1. Between the beginning of 1999 and the end of July 2008, the total spend by VOSA (previously Vehicle Inspectorate) on legal advice and Contract Management was £1,900,778.
2. Because the contract between VOSA and Siemens IT Solutions & Services is a Private Finance Initiative (PFI), it is a combination of capital investment and ongoing service charges. The amount paid by VOSA to Siemens is not fixed; it is a variable monthly charge depending on the number of MOT test passes recorded onto the MOT database. Over the life of the contract, the amount paid by VOSA to Siemens for the ongoing operation of the service is estimated to be of the order of £300 million.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0001419**.

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Yours sincerely

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