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10 May 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your request for information which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your email you stated: "I would like to request information to satisfy the following questions:

1. How much was spent in 2015 by the organisation on travel costs for all staff and Directors broken down by road, rail and air?
2. How much was spent in 2015 by the organisation on accommodation for all staff, and Directors broken down by domestic and foreign expenditure?
3. Does the organisation use the services of a travel management company to minimise these costs?
4. If yes to question 3, which travel management company does the organisation use?
5. If yes to question 3, how much has the outside company been paid in respect of its services (excluding travel and accommodation charges) in 2015?
6. If yes to question 3, how much has the employment of an external travel management company saved the organisation in 2015?"

Following consideration of your request, I can confirm that the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) does not hold the information you require.

The BCE is an independent and impartial advisory non-departmental public body responsible for reviewing the boundaries of parliamentary constituencies in England. Our budget, staff and all administrative support services (e.g. finance, procurement, IT, HR, and office facilities) are provided by our sponsor department, the Cabinet Office.

In our annual reports we do publish the overall budget and expenditure for travel and subsistence, but do not provide a breakdown. Please refer to our annual reports in the link below:

<http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-performance/>

If you wish to pursue your Request for Information further, might I suggest that you redirect your request to the Cabinet Office FOI team at the following email address:

foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

If you have any queries about the content of this reply please contact me direct quoting the above reference number on any communication.

Under the provisions of the FOI Act if you are dissatisfied with the response provided you may wish to ask for an internal review. The BCE has a reciprocal arrangement with the Boundary Commission for Wales and in this case you should write to:

The Secretary to the Boundary Commission for Wales,
Ground Floor,
Fitzalan Court,
Cardiff,
CF24 0BL

Email: bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk

If it transpires you are not content with our response or the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the BCE. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Office of the Information Commissioner,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

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