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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – F0008830**

Dear Mr Francis,

Thank you for your information request of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012. You requested the following information:

Please copy to me (or provide the URL's for) the following related information, as issued to Camera Partnerships to allow them to estimate camera benefits:

1/ Details of how their overall calculations are to be carried out, including in particular the methods use to estimate casualty numbers had cameras not been installed.

2/ The above details to include how the contributory factors identified above (and any others of which you are aware) are taken into account.

3/ Whatever data is provided by the DfT to those organisations to facilitate their calculations, including accident, casualty, traffic volume and other related data. I already have all available accident and casualty data since 1985, so do not need that substantial quantity of data again, rather I need the summaries, averages, totals and trend figures as supplied to Camera Partnerships, Police Forces and similar

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information.

A copy of the information is enclosed.

The calculations you describe were contained in a report section of a database. This database was built by PA Consulting, under contract to the Department at that time, who then distributed it to the Partnerships for the purpose of data collection.

The Department has contacted PA Consulting and they have provided the response below:

The three questions are related to the “Site Effect” calculation performed by the database used by the Safety Camera Partnerships, created by PA Consulting.

1/ Details of how their overall calculations are to be carried out, including in particular the methods use to estimate casualty numbers had cameras not been installed.

I do not have the database or code to hand. However I understand the calculation performed in the database reflected the rules for sites set out in the handbook (which has been previously released under FOI). These were, I believe,

- Static - Within 400-1500 metres of the camera site
- Mobile - Within 400 and 5000 metres (can be linked into a route) of the camera site
- Time and distance cameras – Within 3000 and 10000 metres along the enforcement route
- Red-light – Within 50 metres of the camera site

2/ The above details to include how the contributory factors identified above (and any others of which you are aware) are taken into account.

The question seems to imply that the database automated this. As I understand it, the database recorded evidence collated by Safety Camera Partnerships (for example analysis of contributory factors in STATS19 reports, speed surveys, road engineering insight)

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DfT did not, as far as I am aware, provide any data. The local Safety Camera Partnerships collated the STATS19 data from police/their local authorities. Many of the local safety partnerships have produced their own evaluations which might be of more use.

A copy of the Handbook associated with the database is attached.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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