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Subject: RE: FOI - 1041 /12 RE: FOI - 1041 /12

Further point now that I have the Guide you referred me to.

Dear Mr Francis

I have conferred with the department that supplied the information for your request below and can confirm that in response to the questions you raise below, **there is no DfT requirement to undertake analysis in the area relevant to your request¹.**

In respect of any analysis itself, **it is not possible to isolate any improvement that may be attributed directly to safety cameras¹** since the installation of such cameras is likely to be one of many options² employed at a site to reduce collisions.

Best wishes
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(Notes added by Idris Francis)

¹ - my emphasis

² in clarification - it is obvious that the other **factors which affect accident numbers at camera sites, making it impossible to isolate the effect of the camera** also include those that occur without official intervention - i.e. pure chance, long term trends, local factors, regression to the mean and drivers choosing to divert to avoid cameras.

My question is shown on the next page.

-----Original Message-----

From: Idris Francis [<mailto:idris.francis@btinternet.com>]

Sent: 27 July 2012 18:30

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Subject: RE: FOI - 1041 /12 RE: FOI - 1041 /12 Further point now that I have the Guide you referred me to.

Dear Ms, Warhurst,

Further to my previous reply pointing out discrepancies, I have now obtained the file you referred me to, but find that it is not relevant.

My Question 1 related to the contribution of cameras to accident reduction and in that context I asked in Question 2 that you,

"copy also any instructions or recommendations from the DfT or other organisations ..."

and what I meant - sorry if it was not clear - was any instructions or recommendations on how to record the data and analyse it in that context of camera effectiveness, not the ACPO handbook on the technical operation of the various speed measuring devices that you referred me to.

I attach as an example of such instructions the DfT's handbook on data handling and analysis issued in 2005 to the then Hypothecation Scheme Partnerships - though I understand that the DfT's mandate to impose those methods ended in April 2007 when the Scheme itself did.

All I need now, it seems to me, is your explicit confirmation of what seems implicit in your reply, not only that you or your successor organisation:

a/ does not attempt to analyse traffic and accident data to quantify the contribution of cameras to accident prevention.

b/ is neither required nor by the DfT or any other organisation, nor advised how to, do so.

Sincerely

Idris Francis