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Dear [Name removed under Data Protection Act]

INFORMATION REQUEST - 16/10/08

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 16 October 2008.

You asked two questions of the Department of Transport and it was decided that the Highways Agency was best placed to reply. Please note that the Highways Agency is only responsible for the strategic road network in England (motorways and major A roads) and that the answers given are based on records which cover the period from 1997 to date, relating only to these roads.

A map of the network is available via our website:

[Highways Agency - Map of the Highways Agency road network](#)

I will deal with each question in turn.

1) how many miles of dual carriage way have been contracted for, built and converted to single carriage way in each of the last 20 years?

Having checked the records I can find no instance where the Highways Agency have converted dual carriage way to single carriageway

2) how many miles of toll free motorway have been built in each of the last 20 years?

Having checked the records below is a table providing the answer

Year	Miles of Toll Free Motorway added to strategic road network Includes "new build" and road upgraded to motorway standard
1997	13.4
1998	13
1999	14
2000	0
2001	0
2002	0
2003	0
2004	0
2005	3.1
2006	10.6
2007	0

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. We will, therefore, be simultaneously releasing to the public the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context via our website:

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/>

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. A leaflet detailing our internal review process is available. If you require a copy, please phone the Highways Agency Information Line on 08457 50 40 30; or e-mail ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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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.

Yours sincerely

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