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Dear Mr Kermod

We write further to your request which was received on 21 January 2022 and which states:

"There are currently digital matrix signs at Barregarrow, Kirk Michael, and at Sulby Glen, and in Ramsey and at Cronk-ny-Mona, Douglas. These signs usually display warning information for drivers about to travel on the Mountain Road. Information such as fog, high winds or road closures is typically displayed. However, over the last couple of years non-road traffic information has also appeared such as "Police now recruiting" or "Stay at Home" or now "Over 12? Walk in vaccinations available".

Please can you confirm the following:

- 1. Which IOM Government department owns such Matrix signs?*
- 2. Which government department gives permission for messaging to be used on the signs?*
- 3. Which department or branch of government is tasked with physically inputting the messages on to the signs?*
- 4. Are all government departments permitted to place messaging on the signs?*
- 5. Whose personal authority (such as a minister or chief executive) is sought before authorisation is given for the messaging to appear on the signs?*

Thank you."

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. The Department of Infrastructure
2. The Department of Infrastructure.
3. The Department of Infrastructure / Ports (Airport) Division and Met Office staff.
4. Yes, once permission or an agreement has been reached.

5. Director of Highways or Chief Executive Officer of Department of Infrastructure or any person in that role as substitute or acting.

Please quote the reference number 2183273 in any future communications.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post.

An electronic version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at <https://services.gov.im/freedom-of-information/Review> . If you would like a paper version of our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact us and we will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

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Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further information about freedom of information requests can be found at www.gov.im/foi.

We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

FOI Response Team