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Dear Mr McGoldrick

Warburton Bridge Tolls

Thank you for your email of 26 June 2018 to Julian Smith about the Warburton Toll Bridge near Lymm. I am replying as Julian retired a couple of years ago. This office is now responsible for the work that Julian did on tolled crossings previously.

The Warburton Toll Bridge near Lymm is one of a number of small privately owned tolled crossings in England. It is owned and operated by Peel Ports. The Department for Transport has no role in managing its day to day operation. Peel Ports, as the owners, are responsible for the maintenance of the bridge and the associated costs.

The Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1954 provides for applications for toll revisions to be made to the Secretary of State. Under section 6 of the Act, any tolled undertaking has the power to revise tolls, at any time – and apply to the Secretary of State - in order to meet its obligations and contingencies including a reasonable return on the investment of the tolled undertaking.

I have checked the files that we have and can find no record of any formal approach by anyone since 2014 with regard to possible changes in the toll operation. I can confirm that a search of our records shows that we do not hold any information regarding when the toll changed from five pence to ten pence. I would recommend approaching Peel Ports who may be able to assist you with specific information about the tolls and the timings of previous increases.

Yours sincerely

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