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Dear

Information request Reference number: FOI2018/00381

Thank you for your email of 23 March 2018, in which you requested the following information:

'Historically since 2002, on average, how many years did it take for signallers to go from level 2 to level 8 signallers?

And

Historically since 2002, on average, how many years did it take for signallers, who identified as being from Indian, Pakistani or Bangladeshi backgrounds, to go from level 2 to level 8 signallers?

If you do not have any examples of such people, then please provide me with the following:

Historically since 2002, on average, how many years did it take a network rail operations employee, who identified as being from an Indian, Pakistani or Bangladeshi backgrounds, to go from the equivalent grade of a level 2 signaller, to the equivalent grade of a level 8 signaller.'

I have processed your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that we hold the information you requested. In response to your questions:

Historically since 2002, on average, how many years did it take for signallers to go from level 2 to level 8 signallers?

Since 2002, it has taken an average of 5.35 years for signallers to go from level 2 to level 8.

Historically since 2002, on average, how many years did it take for signallers, who identified as being from Indian, Pakistani or Bangladeshi backgrounds, to go from level 2 to level 8 signallers?

Since 2002, it has taken an average of 2.5 years for signallers who identified as being from Indian, Pakistani or Bangladeshi backgrounds to go from level 2 to level 8

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at FOI@networkrail.co.uk or on 01908 782405. Details of your appeal rights are below.

Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in all future communications.

Yours sincerely

Colin Bendall Information Officer

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