

## Consultancy spend exceptions – February 2016

During **February 2016**, the following exceptions to the consultancy freeze above £20,000 have been considered by the Chief Executive in his capacity as Accounting Officer; and the requests for consultancy below £20,000 have been considered by the Director of Corporate Operations.

Approval date	Ref: No. & Directorate	Summary of application	Decision
01/02/2016	78C Comms	Board digital engagement, £10,000	Approved
08/02/2016	80C RME	Issue over access to discounted fares, £6,000	Approved
08/02/2016	81C RME	Provision of insurance consultancy, £9,000	Approved
09/02/2016	75C(2) RME*	Primary and secondary research to inform ORR response to Which? super-complaint on passenger compensation in the rail industry (extension to 75C), £100,000	Approved
09/02/2016	79C Roads	Evaluation of regulatory outcomes frameworks, £40,000	Approved
09/02/2016	82C Comms	Story development for the ORR, £5,000	Approved
26/02/2016	68C(3) RME	Model audit of East Coast access analysis (extension to 68C(2)), £10,000	Approved

\* This is a blanket approval to cover various contracts with distinct pieces of work.