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Request

You asked us:

"We are interested in finding out about the impact of Brexit on the UK regulatory landscape, including what regulations or rules that your regulator has amended or repealed or considered repealing as a result of Brexit. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I would like to know the following information.

Please could you tell me:

1 Has your regulatory body been contacted by the Government with a request for suggestions for post-Brexit regulatory changes?

2 If you have responded to request how many regulatory changes have you proposed.

3 What are those regulatory changes that you have suggested.

4 The number of regulations that relate to your regulatory body which have already been amended or repealed due to Brexit.

5 The titles of these regulations that relate to your regulatory body which have been amended or repealed as a result of Brexit.

6 The number of regulations that relate to your regulatory body which are in anyway under review as a result of Brexit.

7 The titles of these regulations which are under review as a result of Brexit.

If the time to respond to questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 is going to exceed the time permitted under the FOIA, then please prioritise answering questions 1, 2 and 3 .."

We received your request on 15 May 2023.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

I have consulted with the relevant areas of the ICO and can confirm that we hold some of the information in scope. All of the information has been withheld under section 12 of the FOIA.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 states that the 'appropriate limit' for the ICO is £450. We have determined that £450 would equate to 18 hours work.

To find and retrieve the information necessary to answer parts 1,2 and 3 would take us over the appropriate cost limit. This is because of the volume of information going back many years would require extensive searching to be able to fully answer these questions. Section 12 applies to the whole request.

Whilst we appreciate that you have stated in your request to prioritise questions 1, 2 and 3, these are the questions that have hit the appropriate cost limit set out in the legislation.

Advice and assistance

If you were to narrow the scope of your request to cover more specific topics, or more high level summaries of information then we may be able to assist and provide more information. At present, this request does cover a huge range of information.

In answer to some of your questions, I am able to confirm the following:

In answer to part 1, yes we have been contacted by the government in relation to post-Brexit regulatory changes. For parts 2 and 3 we would require clarification or a narrowing of the scope to be able to answer these parts due to the reason set out above. For context there has been a considerable amount of work done over many years, so the scope of information is very large.

In answer to part 4 - 7, we would again be unable to give a definitive answer without clarification.

This concludes our response.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full review procedure [here](#).

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA and EIR. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can [raise a complaint through our website](#).

Your information

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Yours sincerely

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