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Case reference: IC-246709-B9C5

Request

In your initial request, received 23 July 2023, you asked us:

- *"How many FOI reviews did ICO review last year?"*
- *"Did ICO missed any FOI deadline last year? If so, why?"*
- *"How much money did ICO make based on FOI reviews from last year?"*
- *"For how do you keep FOI review data and why?"*
- *"Where do you receive funding from?"*
- *"How many members of staff are there in the ICO team to deal with FOIs?"*

On 26 July we sent you a clarification email which stated our understanding of each aspect of your request:

1. *"How many FOI reviews did ICO review last year?"*

We have understood this to be a request for how many internal reviews the ICO completed in 2022.

2. *"Did ICO missed any FOI deadline last year? If so, why?"*

We have understood this to be a 'yes or no' question about if the ICO responded to any Freedom of Information requests late in 2022 and, if so, the reasons why.

3. *"How much money did ICO make based on FOI reviews from last year?"*

We have understood this to be a request for how much profit the ICO made from completing internal reviews in 2022.

4. *"For how do you keep FOI review data and why?"*

We have understood this to be a request about how long we retain internal reviews and the reason, or reasons, why they are retained.

5. *"Where do you receive funding from?"*

We do not require clarification about this part of your request.

6. "How many members of staff are there in the ICO team to deal with FOIs"

We have understood this to be a request about how many members of staff the ICO employs to respond to Freedom of Information requests."

The above numbers have been added by us to make our response easier to follow.

You responded to our clarification on 29 July 2023 and advised us that our understanding was correct.

We received your request on 31 July 2023. This is the next working day after your response to our clarification email was received.

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

Our response

Having searched our records, we can confirm that we hold some information in the scope of your request. We will respond to your requests below.

1. The ICO completed 124 internal reviews in 2022.
2. The ICO issued a late response to several FOIA requests in 2022. We use the below reasons to record when a request is late:
 - Late referral.
 - Consultation.
 - Voluminous/Complex.
 - Processing error.
3. The ICO did not make any profit from completing internal reviews in 2022. This is because the ICO does not charge for completing internal reviews.
4. Internal reviews form part of the FOIA requests that the ICO receives. These are held for two years, from the date the case is closed. The reason why information is retained is explained in box 3.7 in Annex B of our [retention schedule](#). As this information is already reasonably accessible to you, technically it is withheld under section 21 of the FOIA. Section 21

states that we don't need to provide you with a copy of information when you already have access to it.

5. Information about how we are funded is available on our [website](#). As this information is already reasonably accessible to you, technically it is withheld under section 21 of the FOIA.
6. FOIA requests are handled by the Information Access Team. This team is made up of 30 people. This comprises of:

Information Access Support Officer	2
Lead Information Access Officer	12
Senior Information Access Officer	9
Team Manager	3
Group Manager	4

This concludes our response to your request.

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. 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

Our [Privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and set out your rights. Our retention schedule can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely

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