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**Request**

From reports the ICO has received of data breaches involving economic and financial data, you asked for the total of the number of effected data subjects reported to have been effected by such breaches in each of the last five years, using a year-end date of 30 September.

We received your request on 8 January.

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

**Our response**

We do hold information within the scope of your request. I have provided below the total number of data subjects reported to have been effected by data breach incidents involving financial and economic data in each year using a year-end date of 30 September. Prior to September 2019 only limited data is maintained due to our retention schedules, so we have provided the data from then up to the end of 2023.

01.10.2019- 30.09.2020- 3,585,755

01.10.2020- 30.09.2021- 41,151,891

01.10.2021- 30.09.2022 – 27,792,248

01.10.2022- 30.09.2023- 52,800,545

01.10.2023- 31.12.2023- 1,817,412

We would add that these numbers do not necessarily represent the true number of individuals effected by such a breach, this figure is taken by adding together the number of effected data subjects that was provided in each relevant data breach report falling within each period of a year. It is possible that in some cases the same individuals may have been effected in multiple breaches, and it is also possible that in some cases the number of data subjects effected, which is provided by data controllers when they first report the breach to us, may have been miscalculated at the time of report and have transpired to be higher or lower during the course of our investigation.

### **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](#) on our website.

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 sets out [your rights](#). Our [Retention and Disposal Policy](#) details how long we keep information.

Yours sincerely

