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Request

You asked us:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to know the following:

- How many data breaches reported involved economic and financial data?*
- How many individuals were affected by these breaches?"*

We received your request on 20 December.

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 attached a dataset which includes the details of data breach reports we have received in the past five years where the report indicated that economic and financial data was involved. For each report falling in scope we have provided the financial year and month within which we received the report and the number of data subjects reported to have been effected.

The number of effected data subjects in each instance has been presented within ranges rather than in precise figures, this is to prevent the potential for the data to be compared with information which is available about data breaches from other reports and other sources in such a way that it creates a 'mosaic effect', meaning that more information than intended is disclosed about individual incidents in a way that could be prejudicial to future investigations.

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



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