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Request

You asked us:

"I wish to be provided with the ICO's conflict of interest policy, or any guidance it follows with respect to conflicts of interest in undertaking its business."

We received your request on 13 April 2024. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

I can confirm we hold information in scope of your request. While we do not have a single 'conflict of interest policy', information concerning conflicts of interests at the ICO are contained in a number of documents. This includes:

- The [ICO Code of Conduct](#), which includes a section on conflicts of interest and political activities;
- The [Declaration of Interests policy and procedures](#) for board members; and
- The [ICO Policy and Procedure Regarding Political Activities](#).

Given that we proactively disclose our [policies and procedures](#), the information is technically exempt from disclosure by virtue of section 21 of the FOIA, as it has already been made available to you. However, the links above are provided for your convenience.

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](#) 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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