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## Request

'I would like to make a request for any information you hold in relation to the seminars referenced on your website page detailing the history of the Commissioner:

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/our-information/history-of-the-ico/our-history/>

Under 1993 it states:

"The first series of free introductory seminars were held at venues throughout the UK. Two specialist seminars for the public sector and finance industry were also held in London."

Can you please advise if any information is held? Due to the passage of time there may not be but if there is can you provide details?

I am particularly interested in any details of the dates of these seminars, locations, which organisations may have been represented, agendas and what topics were discussed.'

We received your request on 15 October 2024.

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

## Our response

We hold some information in scope of your request.

The seminars are briefly mentioned in the 1993 and 1994 annual reports of the Data Protection Registrar. We hold scanned copies of these reports, which are attached.

We have conducted reasonable searches and have been unable to locate any further information in scope of your request.

The Public Records Act 1958 requires us to transfer information of significant historical value to the National Archives (TNA), and to destroy information that is not of historical value unless there is a business need for us to keep it.

We are currently working on transferring information created in 2004, therefore information from 1993 would have either been destroyed or transferred some time ago.

The [National Archives catalogue](#) can be found online. There may be references to the seminars in the board and committee records transferred to TNA, which are accessible at the archives in Kew.

### **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