

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request of 07th June 2010 requesting copies of any enforcement notices issued under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 by inspectors from the Crown Premises Inspection Group during the 01st October 2006 to 07th June 2010. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that Communities and Local Government does hold all of the information that you have requested and that I am able to provide you with some of that information. We are providing you with, via e-mail with Adobe (PDF) attachments, copies of the enforcement notices issued by inspectors from the Crown Premises Inspection Group between the 01st October 2006 and the 07th June 2010.

I wish to advise you however that some of the information cannot be disclosed for the reasons given below.

I consider that the remainder of the information you request falls under two exemptions from the right of access under the Act.

- Section 31(1)(f) of the Freedom of information Act provides an exemption for information, which, if disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of security and good order in prisons or in other institutions where persons are lawfully detained.
- Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of information Act provides an exemption for information, which, if disclosed, would, or would be likely to endanger the physical or mental health of any individual or endanger the safety of any individual.

The role of the Crown Premises Inspection Group is to enforce the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in Crown premises in England, by auditing Crown premises and performing other associated fire safety functions. The main principle underpinning fire safety enforcement is that the safety of the 'relevant person' must be ensured, and within the confines of your request, the continued safety of the relevant person had to be considered before any documentation was released. As a result of this consideration, it is felt that in respect of certain premises, the release of all of the information held within the body of the documents would compromise the safety of the relevant persons.

Both of the above are qualified exemptions, and accordingly require the conduct on our part of a public interest test. We acknowledge the wide and strong public interest in increased public access to information relating to Crown premises, but we have also been obliged in this instance to take into account the health, safety and well being of individuals across the spectrum of Crown owned or occupied buildings. We have measured the above considerations against your request, and concluded that some of the information can be released, but the need to ensure the continued safety of relevant persons in certain Crown establishments outweighs the need to release information that may be prejudicial to their safety and well-being, and for the reasons above, we have redacted certain information contained within some of the notices.

A copy of the information that can be disclosed is enclosed in the format you requested.