



Our Reference:

BY EMAIL ONLY

12 May 2015

Dear

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 19 April 2015 requesting information on Practical Completion dates under the Affordable Homes Programme 2011-2015. For ease of reference your request is below:

"I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for the Affordable Homes Programme 2011 to 2015

1. The number of grant awarded projects and their total value claiming Practical Completion in March 2015. Of these projects, the number and total value of those in which Practical Completion was self-certificated.

2. The number of grant awarded projects and their total value claiming Practical Completion between 24th and 31st March 2015. Of these projects, the number and total value of those in which Practical Completion was self-certificated.

3. The number of grant awarded projects and their total value for which Practical Completion was still outstanding on 1st April 2015."

We can confirm that we hold the information on Practical Completions as above. However this information is considered to form Official National Statistics, due to be published in June 2015. Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 44(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is protected by the Pre-release Access to Official National Statistics.

Section 44 – Prohibitions on disclosure

Section 44 of the FOIA permits a public authority to withhold information if its disclosure is (otherwise than under this Act):

- a) Prohibited by or under any enactment;
- b) Incompatible with any EU obligation; or

c) Would constitute or be punishable as a contempt of court

Section 44 is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test to weigh the balance of factors in favour of disclosure or non-disclosure.

In line with HCA press releases, individual information that does not form an entire dataset may sometimes be released. Please note that the Practical Completion date for the Hastoe Housing Association project at Crawley Down has been disclosed previously. The date of Practical Completion for this matter was 26 March 2015. However, release of this entire dataset of Practical Completion dates forms the Official National Statistic and this is what is protected by the aforementioned legislation.

If you have any questions regarding this response or any further queries you can contact us at the following addresses and quote your unique reference number found at the top of this letter:

Email: mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk

Mail: Information Access Officer
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If you are unhappy with the way Homes and Communities Agency has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact

Head of Legal Services
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at

Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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