

FOI Release

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Title: CIC Office accounts, engagement, procedure, review and statistics

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Information request

- A) Copies of the Regulator's operational procedures, practices, service standards and policies (including risk assessments) relating to the exercising of the Regulator's regulatory function since inception. This information should include all previous, current and draft (planned future) versions along with corresponding dates.
- B) Copies of correspondence sent by the CIC Office relating to any engagement with citizens and business representatives which may exist in connection with the development of the above since inception.
- C) Details of all internal reviews regarding assessments of the effectiveness of the CIC Regulator's regulatory activities since inception.
- D) Statistics detailing numbers of applications for CICs and corresponding outcomes
- e) Details of the CIC Office's annual income and expenditure since inception.

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From our preliminary assessment, it is clear that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the cost limit of £450 provided under s12 of the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act'). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the Office holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The Act provides that we are not obliged to comply with requests where the estimated cost of complying would exceed this limit.

The Regulator's Office has been open for nine years and in order to provide information on the scale requested would require examination of archived material, much of which is not in a digital format. It is expected that this will require several members of the Regulator's team being engaged in carrying out the work which would clearly exceed the limit for a public authority.

We estimate that it will take us in excess of 2.5 working days to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to the request. Therefore, the request will not be processed further.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. You could, for example focus on information relating to a particular set of correspondence, or reduce the time period that you wish to obtain information for. It may help to look at the Regulator's website pages where a large amount of information has already been released. We do not routinely hold the information in the format you are asking with regard to statistics and accounts however our Operational Reports detail the data publicly available along with the Regulator's engagement activities, which you may find helpful;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?departments%5B%5D=office-of-the-regulator-of-community-interest-companies>