

FOI release

Subject

Impact of Audit Commission reform on local authority audit fees

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Request

For information on any departmental analysis, undertaken since 1 June 2010, to determine the future impact on local authority audit fees arising from the reform of the Audit Commission.

Response

The Department for Communities and Local Government has released information about the future impact on local authority audit fees arising from the reform of the Audit Commission, prepared by FTI Ltd, also providing advice to the department relating to the transfer to the private sector of the Audit Commission's in-house practice.

I am writing further to my letter of 28 November 2011, in response to your request for information of 13 August 2011.

In your request you asked for:

“Any departmental analysis undertaken since 1 June 2010 to determine the future impact on local authority audit fees arising from the reform of the Commission.”

You may recall that we published, and released to you, a summary of a report prepared by FTI Consulting Limited providing advice to the department relating to the transfer to the private sector of the Audit Commission's in-house audit practice.

At the time we withheld the full version of the report, under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act, as we intended to publish it in the future. Transfer of the Audit Commission's in-house audit practice has now taken place. Therefore it is now possible to publish FTI's report almost in its entirety. Several minor redactions to the report have been made; these are explained at the beginning of the report with references to relevant exemptions in the Freedom of Information Act.

We have made the report available today on our website, at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/request-for-information-on-the-impact-of-audit-commission-reform-on-local-authority-audit-fees>