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ATI 315

Request

From: [Redacted under section 40 of the FOIA]

Sent: 17 October 2014

Subject: FOI Request

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to obtain information about the number of your employees who received remuneration of more than £100,000 in 2013-14.

Remuneration includes, but is not limited to: salary, fees, allowances, bonuses, benefits in kind, compensation for loss of office and employers' pension contributions.

Please note that whilst some of the information may be in the public domain in accounts and on your website, **the information requested is not fully available from your annual reports, websites etc.**

Many public sector organisations publish senior management salaries online or produce a table showing employees in remuneration bands of £5,000 in their annual accounts.

It is not possible to answer the questions below with that information alone. Employer pension contributions are excluded from these bands and there can be employees who are not senior managers who received more than £100,000.

Please make it clear if you are responding on behalf of more than one organisation.

To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting:

1. The total number of employees who received remuneration equal to, or in excess of £100,000 in 2013-14.
2. For those who received remuneration in excess of £150,000:

- i. The employee's name
- ii. The employee's job title
- iii. The remuneration received by the employee
- iv. An itemised list of expenses claims made by the employee. If an itemised list is not available, please provide the amount the employee claimed in expenses in 2013-14

My preferred format to receive this information is electronically, but if that is not possible I will gladly accept letters at the address below.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this request as soon as possible.

Kind regards

VMD Reply

Sent: 22 October 2014

To: [Redacted under section 40 of the FOIA]

Subject: FOI Request

Thank you for your email below dated 17 October 2014 to the Veterinary Products Committee (VPC) email mailbox.

We are dealing with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your Request

You asked for the number of VPC employees who received remuneration of more than £100,000 in 2013-14.

Our Reply

It may help if I explain that the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD), for whom I work, is a small Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). Its aim is to protect public health, animal health and the environment and promote animal welfare by assuring the safety, quality and efficacy of veterinary medicines.

VMD staff provide administrative support to the VPC, which is an independent scientific advisory committee comprising a Chair and (currently) 23 members. The VPC does not employ any staff.

Our reply then on the VPC's behalf is that, as such, we do not hold any information relating to your request.

However, the VPC publishes an annual report which includes the cost of the Committee. You can find the 2013 report at

<http://www.vmd.defra.gov.uk/vpc/reports.aspx>

Our Service

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this e-mail. If you would like to request an internal review please write to [Redacted under section 40 of the FOIA] at the VMD via ati@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk. 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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