



Our Reference:

BY EMAIL ONLY

30 April 2015

Dear

**Request for Information**

Thank you for your email dated 30 March 2015 requesting information on funding provided to Hastoe Housing Group. For ease of reference your request is below:

*"I should like to have details of all government funding received by the Hastoe Group, including Hastoe Housing Association, since the year 2009.*

*The information required includes not only the specific figures, but also details of the projects for which these sums were destined."*

We have now had an opportunity to investigate your request and are writing to communicate our response. Attached to this letter is a spreadsheet which details the funding received by Hastoe Housing Association under the different programmes the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) ran during the years you requested.

Please note the information provided only goes up to 30 September 2014. Whilst we can confirm that we hold the up to date information, we are unable to provide it to you as it is exempt from disclosure under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

**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. The data requested is considered an Official National Statistic. Therefore the post-30 September 2014 information falls within Section 44 (1)(a) as it is protected by the 'Pre-release Access to Official

Statistics Order 2008'. Please note the full-year statistics are due to be published on 16 June 2015.

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](mailto:mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk)

**Mail:** Information Access Officer  
Homes and Communities Agency  
Fry Building  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 4DF

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  
Homes and Communities Agency  
Fry Building  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
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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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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Homes and Communities Agency