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Freedom of Information Act 2000: Gift Aid payments to UK charities

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 13 February 2017.

You asked for the following information:

"... the Treasury gives 25p for every £1 donated by UK tax payers to all registered charities. Under the FOI Act can you tell me how much under this scheme HM Treasury gave to all UK charities for the last year this figure was available."

Statistics related to charitable donations and charity tax reliefs are published annually on GOV.UK by HM Revenue and Customs. The most recent statistics, for the 2015-16 tax year, are available online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/charitable-donations-and-tax-reliefs-statistics>

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not oblige public authorities to reissue information that is reasonably accessible to a requester. However, to help you locate the information, we have provided you with the hyperlink.

The Government scheme that allows charities to reclaim the basic rate of tax paid on charitable donations (or 25p for every £1 donated) by eligible UK tax payers is called Gift Aid. As shown by Table 10.1 of the statistical publication mentioned above, Gift Aid repayments to charities registered in the UK were worth £1.26 billion in 2015-16.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.