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Freedom of Information Act 2000: Public funding for opera

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 23 January 2018.

You asked for the following information:

"... can you please advise how much the taxpayer contributes to the running of opera and what cutbacks or increase in the grants have occurred in the last ten years? Also what are the criteria for awarding this funding?"

I can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold information within the scope of your request.

Public funding for opera is managed by Arts Council England, who invest money from the Government and the National Lottery to support arts and culture across England.

You can find details of how they invest public money here:

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/about-us/how-and-where-we-invest-public-money>

You can find out how they support music here:

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/supporting-music>

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

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