

Office of the Pubs Code Adjudicator Lower Ground Victoria Square House Victoria Square Birmingham B2 4AJ

27 July 2018

Dear XXX

## FS50711347 - CAMRA referral to Information Commissioner's Office

I write in relation to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) recent decision in respect of your referral, reference number FS50711347.

In light of the ICO's decision in respect of the following requests, I am now able to provide you with the information requested:

• the number of referrals for arbitration made by tied pub tenants, broken down by pubowning business.

Since the Pubs Code came into force on 21 July 2016 up to and including 25 May 2017, the date of your original request, the PCA received the following referrals for each pub-owning business.

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Admiral Taverns	0
Marston's	7
Star Pubs & Bars	13
Punch Taverns	24
Greene King	32
Ei Group	99
Total	175

 the number of referrals made in relation to Market Rent Only disputes which were referred by a tied pub tenant, broken down by the pub-owning business of the tied tenant.

Since the Pubs Code came into force on 21 July 2016 up to and including 25 May 2017, the date of your original request, the PCA received the following referrals in relation to Market Rent Only disputes for each pub-owning business.

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Admiral Taverns	0
Marston's	5
Star Pubs & Bars	9
Punch Taverns	20
Greene King	28
Ei Group	81
Total	143

• the number of referrals accepted for arbitration, where the cases were concluded in each month (July 2016 – June 2017).

Since the Pubs Code came into force on 21 July 2016 up to and including 25 May 2017, the date of your original request, 1 arbitration was concluded in February 2017, 14 arbitrations were concluded in March 2017, 10 arbitrations were concluded in April 2017 and 12 arbitrations were concluded in May 2017. This equates to 37 concluded arbitrations up to and including 25 May 2017. Valid referrals for arbitration could not have been made before August 2016 given the timescales in the Pubs Code framework that could only apply following the Pubs Code coming into force on 21 July 2016.

Finally, you may be interested to read the latest <u>arbitration data</u> published by the PCA on 13 July 2018. This provides quarterly and cumulative statistical information on Pubs Code arbitrations, including by pub-owning business.

Please note that a copy of this letter will be published on the PCA's website at <a href="www.gov.uk/pca">www.gov.uk/pca</a> Yours sincerely,

**Paul Newby** 

Pubs Code Adjudicator