



Pubs Code Adjudicator

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Sent via email only

Dear XXXXX,

Thank you for your email of 24th May 2019, in which you requested information from the office of the Pubs Code Adjudicator (PCA) under the Freedom of information Act 2000 (the Act).

The Act entitles you to:

- Know whether the information you have requested is held by the PCA; and
- Be provided with that information, subject to any exemption in the Act which may apply.

You have requested the following information:

1. *How much of the PCA budget for investigations that was set for the financial year 2018-2019 has been spent*
2. *How much of the budget was returned to the POB's unspent*
3. *And if any was spent what was being investigated*
4. *Further what is the investigations budget for the new financial year 2019-2020*

Response to requests at 1 to 3 above

The office of the PCA does hold information relevant to some your request. The information held is exempt under section 22 of the Act (intended for future publication) because it is information intended to be published in the PCA's annual report and statement of accounts for the 2018/19 financial year. These are subject to a statutory process set out in the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (the SBEE Act) including laying the report before Parliament. It is reasonable in all the circumstances for the information to be subject to that statutory process, including relevant auditing, and being made available to Parliament in the first instance.

Response to request at 4 above

The PCA does not hold the information in part 4 of your request.



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The PCA is funded by a levy on pub-owning businesses regulated by the Pubs Code. Section 63 of the SBEE Act sets out the statutory process for imposing the levy. That process for this financial year has not yet concluded.

If you do not believe that the office of the PCA has responded to your request, you are entitled to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be made in writing, quoting the above reference, to office@pubscodeadjudicator.gov.uk or:

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If you consider that the office of the PCA has not provided an appropriate response to your request for an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commission can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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