

Date: 24/07/2019  
Our Ref: RFI2722  
Your Ref: FOI Request – Spend Transparency Data  
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Dear ██████████,

**RE: Request for Information – RFI2722**

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). For clarification, you requested the following information:

*Thank you for publishing your spend data here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homes-england-spend-for-transactions-over-250> . However, I notice that you haven't published any spending data since February 2019.*

*I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information act for all transactions over £25,000 from March 2019 to a month in arrears from the date at which you publish in response to this request.*

*Please provide the data in a machine readable format (preferably csv). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.*

*Your team may also be interested in the guidance on producing spending data:*  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-publishing-spend-over-25000>.

**Response**

Regarding the publication of transaction spend over £250 for March, April and May 2019:

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate

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(otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

### **Advice and Assistance**

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA and therefore can advise that this information can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homes-england-spend-for-transactions-over-250>

The Spend data for June 2019 will be published by the end of July 2019 in accordance with our publication scheme.

### **Right to Appeal**

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

The Information Access Team  
Homes England – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Or by email to [foi@homesengland.gov.uk](mailto:foi@homesengland.gov.uk)

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

**Information Access Team**  
For Homes England