

Date: 31/10/2019
Our Ref: RFI2802
Your Ref: FOI Request – Sir Edward Lister
Tel: 0300 1234 500
Email: foi@homesengland.gov.uk



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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████,

RE: Request for Information – RFI2802

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

For the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 :

Please provide copies of all email correspondence between Sir Edward Lister, then Chair of Homes England, and/or his representatives and Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol, and/or his representatives.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Response

I am able to confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because a user's email account is deleted 30 days after they leave the organisation. Sir Edward Lister resigned as Chair of Homes England in August 2019 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/sir-edward-lister-resigns-as-homes-england-chair>).

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our digital team and Sir Edward Lister's former Executive Assistant, who would have the requested information if held. They have confirmed that emails from the requested time period are not held or stored elsewhere.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

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
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Or by email to foi@homesengland.gov.uk

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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