



Homes
England

Date: 12 March 2021

Our Ref: RFI3333

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By Email Only

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50 Victoria Street
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3333

Thank you for your request for information which we have processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

Relating to administering the Social and Private Sector ACM Cladding Remediation Funds and the Building Safety Fund on behalf of the government:

Given the requirement for building owners to take reasonable steps to recover the costs from those responsible for the presence of the unsafe cladding, please can you tell me how much of the funding awarded through each scheme has been subsequently returned to Homes England and in turn the government/Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government?

Response

We can confirm that Homes England does not any hold recorded information that falls within the scope of your request. This is because, at this moment in time, there is no business reason for Homes England to record the information requested in a recorded format.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Building Remediation team who would have the requested information if held.

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>

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Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm that although we hold no recorded information, we can confirm that Homes England has had none (£0) of the funding awarded through each scheme returned. This information is not held in a record format, but it is known to Homes England via the Building Remediation team through knowledge of the schemes.

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. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) 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,

The Information Governance Team

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