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Dear

RE: Request for Information - RFI3436

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

Thank you for publishing your spend data here:

https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications %2Fhomes-england-spend-for-transactions-over-

<u>250&data=04%7C01%7Cinfoqov%40homesengland.gov.uk%7C31a01a9b28bb4924a1b508d908be64a6%7Cfaa8</u> <u>e2690811453882e74d29009219bf%7C0%7C0%7C637550437354206667%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=oQVAwqpwWcqxAyWlwomiGKvym2a6zAunfB7Gsm3scnM%3D&reserved=0</u>. However, I notice that you haven't published any spending data since December 2020.

We understand that due to the COVID-19 pandemic it may not have been a priority to publish your spending data. However, we strongly believe that the spending data is critical to understanding how Government functions and this data is vital for our work. We would be extremely grateful if you could update this information as soon as reasonably possible.

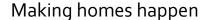
I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information act for all transactions over £25,000 from January 2021 to a month in arrears from the date at which you publish in response to this request.

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:

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For the avoidance of doubt, I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act. I await your response within 20 working days.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information.

Homes England regularly publishes the information requested. We apologise that there was a delay in publishing this information and it was therefore unavailable at the time of your request.

We can confirm that the information has now been published and can be found at the following link:

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

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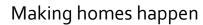
Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

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.





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Yours sincerely,

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