



Homes
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 17 July 2024

Our Ref: RFI4804

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4804

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

You requested the following information:

Please supply the following information for your Agency ONLY, (do not including any data on other agencies or public bodies that may report to you) for the period of 2023:

1. Year of Creation/Launch/Establishment?
2. Your Annual Budget for the financial year of 2022/23?
3. Other Revenue received but not from government?
4. Fiscal Powers: Yes/No
5. Regulatory Powers: Yes/No
6. Do you sponsor other Public Bodies: Yes/No, if yes who?
7. Number of permanent staff?
8. Number of temporary staff (including part timers)?
9. Number of contract staff employed, (self-employed)?

Points of clarification:

Questions 7,8 & 9 that is number employed during the financial year of 2022/23

Question 7: Permanent and Fixed term employees" (including both full and part time staff)

Question 8: Temporary and contract staff" (contractors and agency temps)

Question 9: Secondments" (non pay-roll staff on secondment from other organisations)

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Response

We can confirm that we do hold the information that you have requested. We will address each of your questions in turn.

- 1. Year of Creation/Launch/Establishment?**
- 2. Your Annual Budget for the financial year of 2022/23?**
- 3. Other Revenue received but not from government?**

We can inform you that we do hold the requested information. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information for the above three questions 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>

Section 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 (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.

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Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We are able to confirm that our organisational overview can be found on page 26 of Homes England's Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022 to 2023 via the below link. Information in relation to our annual budget can be found on page 54 and information on other revenue received can be found on page 144.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homes-englands-annual-reports-financial-statements>

4. Fiscal Powers: No

5. Regulatory Powers: No

6. Do you sponsor other Public Bodies: No

7. Number of permanent staff?

8. Number of temporary staff (including part timers)?

9. Number of contract staff employed, (self-employed)?

We can inform you that we do hold the requested information. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information for the above three questions is available to the applicant elsewhere.

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Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We are able to confirm that information in relation to our staff can be found on page 171 via the below link to our Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022 to 2023.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homes-englands-annual-reports-financial-statements>

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
For Homes England

