

By Email Only

Dear

# RE: Request for Information – RFI5051

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 provide the following information for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years:

The total income your organisation received from the government in each year. Your organisation's total expenditure in each year. Your organisation's total staff headcount in each year. The year in which your organisation was originally founded

For the purposes of this FOI, income from the government refers to all income you received from the UK government. This is most likely in the form of government grants but could also be through other mechanisms.

Total expenditure refers to the total amount of money your organisation spent in each financial year. If this is not available, please provide net expenditure and identify it as such.

Your organisation's headcount refers to the total number of staff employed during each financial year. If a total headcount is not available please provide the full-time equivalent figure and identify it as such.

The year in which your organisation was founded refers to the initial founding of the organisation rather than a name change. Please provide the earliest possible date for this.

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# <u>Response</u>

We can 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

## 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. To comply with this duty, we are able to confirm that the information you require is available in the Annual Reports and Accounts via the the following link:

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

For ease of reference, the table below sets out the pages where you can locate the information:

	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Total taxpayer funding	Page 54 & 57	Page 71, 72 and 75
Total expenditure	Page 144	Page 178
Full headcount	Page 171	Page 206

The Homes and Communities Agency (trading as Homes England) was established in 2008 via the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link:

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/17/contents

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# **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.

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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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 these 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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