



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Internal Review -F09-165

Thank you for your request for an internal review of our decision on your request F09-165.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) entitles individuals to request access to information that is held by a public authority. In response to such requests, public authorities are obliged to confirm or deny whether that information is held (section 1, FOIA). The records retention policy for the House of Commons is that, in order to comply with the Data Protection Act, salary payment records for Members are destroyed three years after the end of the financial year, with the exception of those records which are required directly for pension purposes. Allowance and expense claims are also destroyed three years after the end of the financial year in which action was completed. Records are destroyed in keeping with the records retention policy in order to comply with the Data Protection Act. Therefore, I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by the House of Commons.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response, you may appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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