

## Subsidies and total running costs for bars and restaurants in the House of Lords

### Request:

Can you please tell me how much the all the bars and restaurants are subsidised by, and how much subsidise the Lords receive and the total cost of running the bars and restaurants as also the cost to the tax payer.

### Response:

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOIA") provides a right of access, subject to specified exemptions, to recorded information held by a public authority. In the case of the House of Lords, the rights of access apply to recorded information held by the House of Lords Administration.

The House Administration holds information relating to **"how much [...] all the bars and restaurants are subsidised by"** and **"the total cost of running the bars and restaurants"**.

This information is held on a financial year basis. At the time of receiving your request we hold this information in relation to the last complete financial year, which is 2017/18.

This information is publicly available via the parliament website. The amount of subsidy provided to House of Lords catering facilities (including bars and restaurants) in 2017/18 has previously been disclosed as part of an FOI response, and is published on our disclosure log. Please refer to request reference *FOI 3100* at the following link:

<https://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/offices/lords/freedom-of-information-in-the-house-of-lords/log/2017/foi-responses-for-2018/>

The total running costs for catering facilities in the House of Lords is published within the House's Annual Report and Accounts for 2017/18. Please refer to page 81, section 15, at the following link:

[https://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-information-office/2017/2017-18%20Annual%20report%20and%20accounts%20-%20final%20\(cover\).pdf](https://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-information-office/2017/2017-18%20Annual%20report%20and%20accounts%20-%20final%20(cover).pdf)

As this information is already publicly available we consider it exempt under section 21 (reasonably accessible) of the FOIA, which provides an exemption from the duty to disclose information which is reasonably accessible by means other than making an FOI request.