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Date: **23 December 2020**

Dear Abdul Hai,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 9901131

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 8 December 2020 and considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

“Can you provide me with a list of authorities which have refused to publish how they spent the grant money which they have been given for COVID for businesses and other organisations?”

We are writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, the information you requested is not held by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The department does not keep records of any local authorities who have consciously refused to publish how they spend the business support grant monies they have received during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For your information, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy have published a detailed list of the funding received by local authorities to support small and medium businesses in England during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is accessible at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-grant-funding-local-authority-payments-to-small-and-medium-businesses>.

Complaints procedure

If you are unhappy with this response, we will review it and report back to you. (This is called an internal review.) If you want us to do this, let us know by return email within two months of receiving this response. You can also ask by letter addressed to:

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If you are unhappy with the outcome of this internal review, you can ask the independent Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at email address casewo@ico.org.uk or use their online form at ico.org.uk/concerns or call them on 0303 123 1113.

Kind regards,

MHCLG FOI Team