



**BANK OF ENGLAND**

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Dear Ms Pastry

Thank you for your email of 23 April in which you ask for access to the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Fol Act'):

*'... any documents explaining why the Bank of England doesn't use .gov.uk email and website domains'*

May I first explain that the Bank of England (the 'Bank') is the central bank of the UK and although we are owned by the UK Government, we have operational independence.

With regard to the first part of your question, Bank employees primarily use an email address with the extension '@bankofengland.co.uk' but also have an email address with the extension '@bankofengland.gsi.gov.uk'. This enables Bank employees to exchange emails with government departments via a secure network.

Turning to the second part of your question, I can confirm that there are no '.gov.uk' website domains registered to the Bank.

Yours sincerely

Madeline Jeffries  
Information Access Team

Your right to complain under the Fol Act

If you are unhappy with the Bank's response, you may ask for that decision to be reviewed internally. Please note that this will be subject to the Bank having received your submission within two months of the date of this response. In order to submit an internal review, please set out the grounds for your appeal and send it to Wendy Galvin, Information Access Team (TS-Mz), Communications Directorate, Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8AH or by email to [enquiries@bankofengland.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bankofengland.co.uk) for the attention of Wendy Galvin.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Privacy notice

When you contact us, the Bank collects information about you. This includes your name, contact details and anything you choose to disclose in your correspondence.

We collect your personal data to assess your request and prepare our response to you. Our basis to process this data is that it is necessary for us to satisfy a legal obligation.

We will keep your personal data for 10 years. You can request that we no longer use your personal data, by contacting us via the website link below.

You have a number of rights under data protection laws, for example you have the right to ask us for a copy of the personal data the Bank holds about you. This is known as a 'Subject Access Request'. You can ask us to change how we process or deal with your personal data, and you may also have the right in some circumstances to have your personal data amended or deleted. To find out more about those rights, to make a complaint, or to contact our Data Protection Officer, please see our website at [www.bankofengland.co.uk/privacy](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/privacy)