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Via email

Date: **2 September 2022**

Dear David Webb,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 19889315

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 29 July 2022 and considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

I would like to make a freedom of information request in order to find out how much was spent by government on each of the regeneration initiatives below. For each initiative, I would like yearly figures showing how much was spent in each financial year from 2013-14 up until the present.

This is essentially an update on the 2013 request available here:

https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2Ffunding_by_financial_year_for_ma%23incoming-464892&data=05%7C01%7CFolrequests%40levellingup.gov.uk%7C8d073a9bc0dd4efae31608da7165e30e%7Cbf3468109c7d43dea87224a2ef3995a8%7C0%7C0%7C637946979650459599%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FkAcFVb8Flh4UqQFVE6WftYeur0%2FNubU3%2FICDZZktzQ%3D&reserved=0

The regeneration initiatives I would like information for are:

*Urban Development Corporations (Northamptonshire, Thurrock and Thames Gateway)
The London Legacy Development Corporation
Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation
South Tees Development Corporation
Stockport Town Centre West Development Corporation
Local Enterprise Partnerships
Regional Growth Fund*

*Coalfield Areas Fund
Olympics Delivery Agency
City Deals
Growth Deals
Freeports
Enterprise Zones
Towns Fund
Transfer of civil servants to the regions*

In addition I would be grateful for information on any other regeneration initiatives not listed here, but with similar sized budgets.

We are unable to determine if we hold this information as to do so would be too costly, and so we are refusing this request for the reasons given below.

Under section 12 of the Act, we are allowed to refuse a request if processing it would exceed the appropriate limit (£600 for Central Government) as specified in the Fees Regulations . We have estimated that determining whether the information is held and providing the information would exceed this limit. We will therefore not be able to provide the information you requested.

It may be helpful to explain that these programmes cover a wide range of work across government across a large period of time. The programme information is not located in a single location and manual searches would need to be made across the Department in different locations, both digital and hardcopy, to locate the information you are requesting.

It is also likely that simply complying with your last request alone would exceed the cost/time limit as comparisons would need to be made between all the above programmes against any other programmes the Department might have run since 2013 to determine their respective budgets and check whether it fell within the scope of your request. This is a significant task and would likely exceed the cost limit.

It may be that we can provide you with some information within this appropriate limit, if you are able to narrow the scope of your request. If you do so, your request will be handled as a new request under the appropriate legislation.

It should be noted that if you did re-submit a reframed question there is still the possibility that this refined request could also be subject to the application of the section 12 provisions, or to other Freedom of Information Act exemptions.

In case it is useful to you, please see the report, at the link below, which details funding commitments from 2011-2025 across government (Figure 3 on page 22 of the report):

<https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Supporting-local-economic-growth.pdf>

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:

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
Knowledge and Information Access Team
4th Floor SE, Fry Building
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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 casewoxx@xxx.xxx.xx or use their online form at ico.org.uk/concerns or call them on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely

DLUHC FOIA Team