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Our reference: 1626239

Your reference: request-961705-9f5408bc@whatdotheyknow.com

Date: 8 June 2023

Dear Mr Jones

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Reference number: 1626239

On 26th May 2023 we received the following request for information from you: -

Many thanks for your response and help with this.

I am hoping that this can be dealt with as a clarification, and not as an internal review, to ensure a quicker response.

However, if considering this message as clarification is not possible, please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

You helpfully provided a spreadsheet with very detailed investments. However, we are missing a breakdown of some of the investments which we assume are under "ACCESS POOLED FUNDS" with a value of £2,841,643,475.87.

We refer in particular to the investments done by UBS which you report in your annual report were of a total value of 1,316,000,000 We were requesting this information from the pool itself and their answer is as follows: "Please note the Pooled total of £35 billion includes £11.2 billion in index tracking funds managed by UBS. ACCESS does not hold the underlying data for those holdings as the contracts with UBS are with the underlying Pension Funds."

With that in mind could you please provide the missing information in the same format as you have given us the rest of the data for the period ending March 2022?

All this information will ensure the highest level of accuracy in our research.

County of opportunity

Our Response

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I can confirm that Hertfordshire County Council does hold the information you have requested, and can respond as follows: -

Please see attached spreadsheet

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the reference above. To find out more about Freedom of Information, please visit http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/your-council/work/foi/

If you are unhappy with the way the County Council has handled your request for information you may request an internal review of the request. This will be carried out by a member of the County Council Legal Services Team, who has had no prior involvement with the request. Requests for an internal review should be sent to the Information Governance Unit at the address above.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of the internal review you are entitled to ask the Information Commissioner to investigate your complaint. You should use the ICO's webpage www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints to submit your request or write to: FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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