

Dear Sir/Madam

25 October 2018
Our ref: IR256345

Thank you for your request for information received on 28 September 2018. We have considered this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I seek a copy of your register (or registers) of gifts and hospitality. Specifically I would like to obtain a complete record of all the gifts and hospitality offered to, or accepted by, officials of Lambeth Council. I believe the council names these records the Hospitality Register.

Please can I have the data for 2013-18, if that is possible?

Our Response:

I can confirm that we have reviewed your request but consider that to comply with the request would exceed the cost/time limit specified by s12 FOIA.

Section 12 (cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit)

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In this instance, we have decided that the process of determining whether the information is held will exceed the Appropriate Limit as provided by The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

The Appropriate Limit applies to costs/time the Council reasonably expects to use in carrying out the following activities to comply with your request:

- Determine whether the information is held
- Locating the information or documents containing the information
- Retrieving such information or documents
- Extracting the information from the document

The Appropriate Limit is currently set at £450 which is the equivalent to 18 hours of work at £25 per hour.

It is estimated that to retrieve the information for this request would take at least 18 hours.

The process of retrieving and collecting the data is therefore likely to exceed the Appropriate Limit.

In accordance with Section 17 FOIA this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this request.

Should you wish to redefine or shorten your request then please resubmit another request to us and we will consider if we can respond.

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your Freedom of Information request has been dealt with you can request an internal review. Tell us why you are unhappy with our response within 40 working days, and we will consider if the response was responded to correctly. We will aim to provide you with our review response within 20 working days. Please email xxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx

If you are unhappy with the review you have a further right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, which regulates the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act. The Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Yours faithfully

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