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Dear Tariq Muman

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request, which was received on 31 December, for the following information:

“Could you please provide me, under the FOI act, data on percentile points of the income distribution specifically for London, for full time workers, for the most recent tax year available?”

Our response

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any information without seeking clarification first. You have asked for information on individuals who are full time workers, HMRC does not hold information on whether an individual is in full time or part time employment. Furthermore, Information on the number of hours worked is not held for individuals in self-employment as it is not a requirement of Self Assessment tax returns and information on hours worked for employees in PAYE Real Time Information data is incomplete.

If you are seeking information on individuals in full time employment, then we recommend contacting the Office for National Statistics, who already publish information on [employment](#) and [earnings](#) which may be more suitable.

Its also worth noting that the data we hold on an individual level does not include family or household levels. DWP [Family Resources Survey](#) would be more appropriate in this instance. Any breakdowns for London would relate to the Government Office Region of London. The addresses we hold would be the address which the taxpayer supplies to us for Income Tax purposes, which may not be their place of work.

It is important that your criteria is correctly specified as we may not be able to undertake repeat analysis with different parameters within the cost limit laid down by the FOIA.

If you still wish to proceed with a request, then please note that the data source we would plan to use in order to undertake the analysis within the cost limit would be a grossed up sample dataset; the [Survey of Personal Incomes](#). Please confirm whether:

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1. The income used in the analysis should include employment (pay) and self-employment (profits) only or all income (which would include other types of incomes such as pensions, dividends etc)?
2. You require percentile data for taxpayers only (similar to [table 3.1a](#)) or for all individuals?
3. The analysis should cover individuals who have employment income? Should this also cover individuals who have self-employment income? As we are unable to identify individuals in full time work.

Please submit your clarified request (quoting the FOI reference number above) by emailing foi.request@hmrc.gov.uk or by writing to the address at the top of this letter.

If, after clarifying your request, you are not content with our freedom of information response, you can ask us to carry out an internal review. You also retain the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner](#).

Yours sincerely,

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