

9 March 2017

Dear Ms Smith

ITV Competitions and National Lottery Lucky Dips awarded to winners

Thank you for your email dated 21 February requesting an internal review relating to the Freedom of Information request referenced above. I can confirm that I was not involved in the original processing of your request and that I have now concluded the internal review.

ITV competitions

You requested information about how many written entries for ITV competitions have ever won a prize since the start of these competitions. Having completed a check of our records, I can confirm the Commission does not hold this information therefore unfortunately we are unable to help you with this part of your request.

The Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) sets out what constitutes gambling and therefore falls within the Commission's regulatory remit. By providing a free written entry route, these competitions fall within the category of prize competitions or free prize draws and are not gambling products as defined in the Act. Consequently, we do not regulate the provision of these products and therefore we do not hold the information you request.

The Commission has published guidance in relation to prize competitions and free draws which provides a more detailed explanation. This is available here:

[Prize competitions and free draws](#)

National Lottery Lucky Dips

You also requested information about the number of Lotto Lucky Dips which have been awarded to winners which have won any monies since their introduction. Having completed a check of our records, I can confirm that the Commission does not hold this information.

As outlined previously, the Commission is responsible for licensing and regulating the National Lottery, ensuring the interests of participants are protected and maximising returns for Good Causes. As the operator of the National Lottery, Camelot is regulated by the Commission. We do not hold copies of all of the information that Camelot generates, nor do we collect details on individual winners as a matter of course; we only collect information where we have a reason to do so. Details of how we regulate the National Lottery are available here:



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[Regulating the National Lottery](#)

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) provides the public with a general right of access to information held by a public authority. Where information is not held, we are required to confirm that this is the case. In this respect, I consider that the responses you have received have complied with the requirements of the FOIA. The Commission does not hold the records that you have requested and therefore cannot provide them to you.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Theresa Boland', written over a faint, illegible printed name.

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