

6th August 2019

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Dear Ms Waters,

Freedom of Information request: 2019/0199 IUK

Thank you for your freedom of information request received on the 22nd of July 2019 in which you requested the following:

Your request:

How much public money was spent on legal services used by UKRI or its subsidiary the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult to contest the classification of Catapult Centres as public sector bodies by the ONS?

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation do not hold information relevant to your request.

No public funds were spent contesting the ONS classification; there is no process or mechanism to contest a classification by the ONS as it is a statistical classification and cannot be challenged.

The Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult is an independent organisation and UKRI does not hold the information requested.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek a review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

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Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Enquiry/Information Line: Between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

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Yours sincerely,

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