



## Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

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Dear Mr Edwards,

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 February, in which you made the following request for information:

***I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.***

***I would like to get information as to the rationale of why only major motorsport circuits were allocated £6 million in the sport winter survival package.***

***Also could you provide information of how the £6 million allocation for motorsport is being divided between the organisation/ owners of the major circuits.***

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I can confirm that the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) does not have information within scope of your request. However, please see below some information on the allocation process.

The Sport Winter Survival Package provides a lifeline to organisations and clubs that would otherwise not survive the winter as a result of the restriction on spectators announced from 1 October. The government announced a list of provisional allocations based on a preliminary assessment of need, based on a set of financial returns provided by each sport. Please see the link below for further information:

<https://www.sportengland.org/news/winter-survival-package-300m-major-spectator-sports>.

Decisions on how much to award through the Survival Package are made by an Independent Board based on a rigorous application process. The Board has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and is made up of senior personnel with the relevant skills, knowledge and experience to make swift, informed and



effective decisions at a critical time for the sport sector. To date, no final funding decisions about motorsport have been made.

Details on how much has been awarded to each sport will be announced in due course. It is for the sports to decide whether to announce how much each organisation within their area has received.

You may also be interested in some useful [FAQs](#) on Sport England's website.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team  
**Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport**

### **Complaints and comments**

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: [foi@dcms.gov.uk](mailto:foi@dcms.gov.uk). You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.