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via email

Date: **15 December 2016**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 2762432**

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 5 October 2016. Please accept our sincerest apologies for the lateness of this reply.

Your request was:

*I need local government revenue expenditure and financing at the individual local government level (individual local authority data) from 1999-2000 till 2006-07.*

*(The DCLG website has the data from 2007-08 till 2016-17 while the national archives do not have the data at the individual level. The national archives have the data for the whole of England.)*

This request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Department for Communities and Local Government and that the majority is being released to you.

Please find attached data for the years 2002-03 through to 2006-07 inclusive.

Data from 1999-00 to 2001-02 is archived on a historic database. This information would need to be pulled, reformatted and quality assured. It will take time and resource to extract this data as requested.

From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with this part of your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000. This is currently £600. We estimate that the minimum cost of locating, retrieving and extracting all the information relevant to your request as you have formulated it will be £925. It is very probable that it would actually be much more. We have therefore decided to refuse to provide information for these particular years.

**Complaints procedure**

If you are unhappy with this response, we will review it and report back to you. (This is called an internal review.) If you want us to do this, let us know by return email

within two months of receiving this response. You can also ask by letter addressed to:

Department for Communities and Local Government  
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If you are unhappy with the outcome of this internal review, you can ask the independent Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at email address [xxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx) or use their online form at [ico.org.uk/concerns](https://ico.org.uk/concerns) or call them on 0303 123 1113.

Yours faithfully

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