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Sent by email: request-242519-dd44abf1@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Andrew,

Freedom of Information request: Successful Hydraulic Fracturing grants - ref PSU - 88

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request submitted on the 02 December 2014 in which you requested the following:

Your Request:

I would like to formally request the following information regarding Hydraulic fracturing (also hydrofracturing, hydrofracking, fracking, or fraccing); a well-stimulation technique in which rock is fractured by a hydraulically pressurized liquid:

- 1) The total number of successful research grant awards in the area of Hydraulic fracturing, between Jan 1st 2001 and 2nd Dec 2014, broken down by each year?
- 2) The total value of successful research grant awards in the area of Hydraulic fracturing, between Jan 1st 2001 and 2nd Dec 2014, broken down by each year?
- 3) The name of institutions successful research grant awards in the area of Hydraulic fracturing were made, and in each case their individual values and the date they were awarded?

Our response:

I can confirm that AHRC does not hold the information that you have requested.

The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) was established in April 2005 as successor to the Arts and Humanities Research Board and is a British Research Council; non-departmental public body that provides approximately £102 million from the government to support research and postgraduate study in the arts and humanities, from languages and law, archaeology and English literature to design and creative and performing arts.

The AHRC have had no successful research grant awards in the area of hydraulic fracturing, hydrofracturing, hydrofracking, fracking, or fraccing between Jan 1st 2001 and 2nd Dec 2014.

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I hope this answers your questions.

If you have any queries about this response please contact me, or if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, please write to:

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Yours sincerely

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