

Reference: RFI 1711126

Request:

For the last two tax years please provide the following information

A What's was the total amount paid out in housing benefit to private sector landlords

Tax Year 2016/17 = £19,560,775
2015/16 = £20,734,784

B What was the total amount paid out in housing benefit to social housing providers

Tax Year 2016/17 = £53,174,015
2015/16 =£54,591,797

C What was the total amount of overpayments to

(A) Private Sector Landlords and (B) Social Housing Providers

15/16

A £1,730,405
B £1,322,593

16/17

A £1,371,336
B £1,115,855

From the total amount of over payments to both social and private sector housing providers how much has (A) been and collected and (B) outstanding and (C)Written off

The data is not recorded in a format that provides this information. To ascertain this data would require a manual check of over a thousand record which would which equates to over 18 hours of officers times.

Therefore this /part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.