



Tv and Filming on the Estate

23 July 2024

Request for Information.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request, received on 20 June. In that request you sought:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, for the tax years 2014/15 to 2022/23 inclusive, please would you please fully disclose the following details, breaking the figures by year:

- 1. How much revenue has been received by your organisation for services rendered to film and television productions? This could include location rental, permits and all other services related to film productions using your personnel or resources.*
- 2. Please outline the type of work or service rendered, in each case and disclose the revenue received for each type of service.*
- 3. How much has your organisation spent on facilitating such arrangements between 2014/15 to 2022/23, inclusive, broken down by year?*

I can confirm that we hold information relating to your request. A partial disclosure of that information is set out below. However, in relation to some of the information held, we have concluded that section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is relevant and we are undertaking further steps in relation to that.

Section 43(2) exempts from disclosure any information which "would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)". This is because the information held includes commercially sensitive

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information about location rental fees which are charged, on a case by case basis, for some types of filming. We are concerned that the disclosure of that information may impact negatively on our future ability to negotiate rental fee levels with prospective film and television production organisations.

Section 43(2) is subject to a public interest test. This means that, before the exemption can be applied, we must consider whether the public interest factors in favour of maintaining the exemption outweigh the public interest in disclosure. Having identified section 43(2) as a potentially relevant exemption, we will proceed to undertake the necessary public interest test.

Section 10(3) of FOIA allows us to extend the time for compliance where we require more time to consider the public interest test outlined above. The view of the Information Commissioner’s Office is that an additional 20 working days constitutes a “reasonable” extension of time. We will endeavour to provide further information of our reliance, or otherwise, on section 43(2) within a reasonable time, and no later than 16 August. We will revert to you at that stage.

However, in the meantime, I am able to disclose the following information with you.

1. *How much revenue has been received by your organisation for services rendered to film and television productions? This could include location rental, permits and all other services related to film productions using your personnel or resources.*

The table below shows sums received by the Senedd Commission as a result of filming which has taken place on the Senedd estate. In each case, they reflect the recoupment of charges which arose as a result of filming activities including the payment of overtime to Commission staff as well as charges incurred as a result of support provided to the Commission by external parties and contractors. The latter charges reflect additional security, cleaning and estates and facilities management fees.

Financial year	Total including VAT unless stated otherwise	
2018-19	£15,934.94 (breakdown unavailable)	
	£1,285.32 (see breakdown)	
	Estate and Facilities Management Services	£168.68
	Security and Police	£463.27
	Staffing	£439.15
	VAT	£214.22
2019-20	£32,983.55 (see breakdown)	

	Security and police costs	£25,705.92
	Staff overtime	£ 1,780.37
	VAT	£ 5,497.26
	£2,241.77 (see breakdown)	
	Staff overtime	£ 230.31
	Security and police costs	£1,798.84
	Catering	£ 73.96
	VAT	£ 138.66
	£1,285.32 (see breakdown)	
	Estate and Facilities Management Services	£168.68
	Staff overtime	£117.31
	Security and police costs	£785.11
	VAT	£214.22
2020-21	£476.64 (no breakdown available)	
2021-22	£36,763.94 (see breakdown below)	
	Legal costs	£ 6,041.00
	Condition survey	£ 2,850.00
	Genero stage removal	£ 2,655.16
	Staffing and police overtime	£19,090.46
	VAT	£ 6,127.32
	£201.34 (see breakdown below)	
	Estate and Facilities Management Services	£86.24
	Security overtime	£81.54
	VAT	£33.56
2023-24	£8,523.44 (excluding VAT) (see breakdown below)	
	Events	£1,234.65
	Estate and Facilities Management Services	£ 698.28
	Cleaning	£ 224.00
	Security & police	£6,366.51

2. Please outline the type of work or service rendered, in each case and disclose the revenue received for each type of service.

Please see our response to question 1.

3. How much has your organisation spent on facilitating such arrangements between 2014/15 to 2022/23, inclusive, broken down by year?

We do not hold the information needed to respond to this element of your request. This is because, beyond additional charges (such as those detailed in response to question 1), no record is kept of the time spent in relation to filming activities.

Yours sincerely

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Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the **Code of Practice on Public Access to Information**. If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance below.

Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

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