



29 June 2020

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00168**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 10 June 2020 in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*Competition: Business-led innovation in response to global disruption round 2 (de minimis)*

*Written confirmation of the number of black assessors that were part of the assessment panel that was evaluating grant applications for this competition.*

**Our response**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

The figures provided have been rounded based on [HESA principles](#)<sup>1</sup> to anonymise the data and prevent any personal data from inadvertently being released.

*Table: Ethnicity of assessors for the Innovate UK competition: Business-led innovation in response to global disruption round 2 (de minimis)*

Ethnicity	Number of assessors
Asian/Asian British	15
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	<5
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups	<5
Other Ethnic group	<5
Prefer not to say *	10
White European	280
No data available **	105

*\*This option is where an assessor has selected the "Prefer not to say" option on the survey*

*\*\*The survey is optional, and therefore not all assessors provide this information. This is the number of assessors who did not complete the survey.*

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/rounding-and-suppression-anonymise-statistics>

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

  
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