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30 March 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00178

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 28 February in which you requested the following:

Your request:

In your annual financial reports (for example, <https://www.ukri.org/publications/annual-report-and-accounts-2024-to-2025/>, p140) you make reference to 'separate financial information' for operating segments. Could you provide me this information, for each operating segment, separated into sufficient granularity such that it is possible to identify the expenditure on individual named funding calls/initiatives, capital expenditure, facilities costs (including overheads, upgrades, staffing costs, etc, specific to individual facilities), as well as UKRI centralised overheads and staffing costs? I would like this information from 2018-2019 to (and including) 2024-2025.

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does not hold the information you have requested in the format you have specified.

We estimate that the cost of compiling this information in the format you have described would exceed the appropriate statutory limit as specified within section 12 of the FOIA which for UKRI is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of 18 hours of staff resource on locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

To explain further, it would be necessary to identify all individual funding calls and initiatives, capital expenditure, facilities costs (including overheads, upgrades, staffing costs, and other facility specific expenses), as well as UKRI-centralised overheads and staffing costs for each individual year.

In addition, the underlying financial data is held on a cash basis, whereas the annual report and accounts are prepared on an accruals basis. Reconciling these two sets of information would require substantial additional work.

Consequently, UKRI is not obliged under section 12 of the FOIA to respond to your request.

Under section 16 of the Act, public authorities must provide reasonable advice and assistance to help requesters refine or refocus their request. In this case, however, we have concluded that there is no narrowing of scope that would enable us to provide the information you seek within the statutory cost limit, due to the breadth and depth of the data required and the way in which it is held.

This would still be the case even if the scope were reduced to a single financial year, as the level of granularity you have requested would still require extensive interrogation of multiple financial systems, datasets and records. For this reason, we are unable to offer meaningful advice on how the request could be reframed so that it falls within the appropriate limit.

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance


Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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: www.ico.org.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 procedure](#)¹.

Yours sincerely,


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¹ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>