

[REDACTED]

29 April 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00194**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 7 March, and clarification received on 28 March, in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*Please advise:*

- 1. The estimated total number of acres of land that you own.*
- 2. The estimated total number of acres that you own which are not in operational use.*
- 3. The annual spending on managing and maintaining your property estate in the financial year 2022/23. Please provide a breakdown.*
- 4. The number of empty homes you currently own.*
- 5. The number of empty buildings you currently own that are not homes.*

*Please provide a copy of your [land and buildings] asset register.*

**Our response:**

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information below and attached in "FOI2024\_00194 Annex 1".

- 1. The estimated total number of acres of land that you own.*

2,884 acres of land.

- 2. The estimated total number of acres that you own which are not in operational use.*

0 acres of land.

- 3. The annual spending on managing and maintaining your property estate in the financial year 2022/23. Please provide a breakdown.*

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Operations	£18.5m
Maintenance	£14m
Security	£1m
Cleaning	£2m
Waste Management	£300,000
Other	£7m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£42.8m</b>

4. *The number of empty homes you currently own.*

4

5. *The number of empty buildings you currently own that are not homes.*

0

A copy of UKRI's land and buildings asset register is included in "FOI2024\_00194 Annex 1".

We consider that releasing information giving addresses of residential properties, or details of specific activities that take place at certain locations falls under the exemption at Section 38(1)(b) of the FOIA, where disclosure would, or would be likely to endanger the safety of any individual. This information has been marked in Annex 1 as <Redacted Section 38>.

In considering the public interest test, UKRI considered that disclosure of the identified information would make it available to individuals or organisations that may use this information to disrupt research involving the use of animals and to target staff and researchers at home, by subjecting them to physical harm, verbal harassment or intimidation.

In considering the balance of the public interest we considered our obligations to openness and transparency, and whether residential addresses or details of specific activities where relevant to the public interest in relation to the land and building assets that UKRI hold. We balanced this with the obligations UKRI has to our employees and to individuals and organisations that work with us.

We reached the decision that limiting the safety risk to individuals and organisations outweighs the public interest in disclosure; therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure.

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 within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance

Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto: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](http://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 policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

  
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