



28 June 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00519

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 11 June, and clarification received on the 20 June, in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Please supply the following information for your Agency ONLY, (do not including any data on other agencies or public bodies that may report to you) for the period of 2023:

1. Year of Creation/Launch/Establishment?
2. Your Annual Budget for the financial year of 2022/23?
3. Other Revenue received but not from government?
4. Fiscal Powers: Yes/No
5. Regulatory Powers: Yes/No
6. Do you sponsor other Public Bodies: Yes/No, if yes who?
7. Number of permanent [and fixed term employees]?
8. Number of temporary [and contract staff]?
9. Number of [secondments]?

Our response:

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

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Information already reasonably accessible, the information you have requested in relation to questions 1, 2 and 3 is already available in the public domain:

1. The launch date of UKRI is stated on our [About UK Research and Innovation](#)¹ page.
2. UKRI's annual budget for financial year 2022/23 is detailed from page 19 in [UKRI's Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23](#)².
3. Non-government revenue (total operating income) is available on page 123 of the same document.

Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

Questions 4, 5 and 6 are not considered to be within scope of the FOIA, as they are asking general questions rather than for information that is held by UKRI. However, the powers and duties of UKRI are outlined in the [UKRI Framework Document](#)³ and section 93 of the [Higher Education Research \(HER\) Act](#)⁴. A list of UK regulators has been published by the [Department for Business & Trade](#)⁵.

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/about-uk-research-and-innovation/>

² <https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/UKRI-02082023-8563-UKRI-Annual-Report-2022-23-Acc.pdf>

³ <https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/UKRI-111020-UKRIFrameworkDocument.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/29/section/93/enacted>

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/professions-regulated-by-law-in-the-uk-and-their-regulators/uk-regulated-professions-and-their-regulators>

Headcount and FTE of staff employed by UKRI during the period of 2023, as requested in questions 7, 8 and 9, are provided in Table 1.

This information has been presented as a snapshot of staff numbers as of 31 March 2023 and an average across each month during FY 2022/23. We have also provided the unique number of staff employed during 2022/23. Further details on staff numbers are available on page 87 of UKRI's Annual Report and Accounts.

	Staff as of 31 March 2023		Average staff during 22/23		Unique staff in 22/23
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
Permanent & Fixed term employees¹	7873	7562	7865	7552	9031
Temporary & Contract staff²	433	392	362	311	669
Secondments³	34	25	40	28	64

¹ Permanent and fixed term employees include both full and part time staff, as well as student placements

² Temporary and contract staff include contractors and agency temps

³ Secondments are non-payroll staff on secondment from other organisations

Figures provided for 31 March 2023 differ from those published in the Annual Report and Accounts due to retrospective data corrections. This accounts for a difference of 8 headcount and 4 FTE (approximately 0.05% difference).

Average figures have been calculated based on the number of staff employed at the end of each month. This is particularly significant for temporary and contract staff, where shorter duration of contracts mean that substantially more people are employed during the year than we have engaged at any one time.

The unique headcount figures represent the impact of both turnover and recruitment during this period, as not all staff remain employed for the entire financial year.

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

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 policy](#)⁶.

Yours sincerely,


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⁶ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>