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Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00138

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 19 May in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am trying to find-out the percentage or actual amount of UKRI research council grants that is spent by the research projects on Information Technology (IT). i.e. How much of the grant does a research group typically spend on IT to support their research project/investigation?

I don't know if you published this sort of information or if you would be willing to disclose it please? As I imagine this will vary considerably by research discipline, ideally it would be at least a figure for each of the 9 councils as separate figures. If that breakdown is not possible, then perhaps an overall figure for all UKRI awarded grants.

Our response

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

We estimate that the cost of complying with your request 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.

Whilst we can confirm that this information is held, we do not presently capture this information in the level of detail you have requested. Information regarding IT spend is typically provided on grant applications, however this specific information is not transferred into our systems as a data field.

To obtain the information you have requested would require manually reviewing thousands of grant applications, to extract and collate this specific data which would vastly exceed the cost threshold. Consequently, UKRI is not obliged under Section 12 of the FOIA to respond to your request.

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


Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@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: <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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