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17 November 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00333

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 17 October in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you supply me with a breakdown of the funding awarded to plastic chemical recycling projects over the past ten years. I would like the amounts awarded, the date, the name of the project and the company behind it.

Chemical recycling is also known as advanced recycling and covers technologies including pyrolysis, gasification and chemical depolymerisation.

*Please could you provide me with as much of this documentation as you have.
I would like the above information to be provided to me in an excel spreadsheet.*

Our response

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

This information can be found on the UKRI's [Gateway to Research](https://gtr.ukri.org/)¹. Using the search function, you can search for the keywords specified, and refine further through selecting options in the right-hand menu, such as selecting specific dates, funding bodies, regions and project categories. These results can then be downloaded as an excel spreadsheet using the 'CSV' button.

Further information related to projects funded by Innovate UK can be found at the webpage: [Innovate UK projects funded since 2004](https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/).² This can be downloaded as an excel spreadsheet and searched using the search function within excel.

Please note that some projects that have been awarded a grant have not yet published on "Gateway to Research", or the "Innovate UK projects funded since 2004" webpages. As information on these projects will be published within the next monthly update, we are withholding this information from disclosure under Section 22 of the FOIA, as it is information intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

UKRI understand that being transparent in regard about projects funded through public money is in the public interest. The information you have requested is being prepared for publication and is being done so in line with a

¹ <https://gtr.ukri.org/>

² <https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/>

carefully considered timetable, that requires that the information is suitably formatted and presented in the correct context before being released to the public. UKRI has therefore determined that it is not in the public interest to release information ahead of the existing publication schedules, as this would place undue pressure and burden on the organisation to prepare the information for release earlier than anticipated. We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure. This information is expected to be published in December 2022.

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: 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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