



Reference: FOI1253

Request:

In accordance with Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I wish to request access to information below. Information Required Accrued NNDR National Non Domestic Rates credit balances & write on's (i.e. credits that you have been unable to trace recipients for and have therefore wrote into your accounts, leaving an outward appearance of a zero balance).

We request a breakdown of credit balances accrued remaining unclaimed since your earliest records, for the amounts owing to all `incorporated companies or public bodies (i.e. not individuals/private individuals) within any local authorities billing area, including:-

- The name of each business in respect of which Non Domestic Rate credit balances remain payable
- The value of overpayment in each case with remains unclaimed
- The years(s) in which the overpayment was made
- The hereditament address, and
- Account Number or billing hereditament reference

Response:

Your request is refused under Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The reason for this is that there is a public interest in ensuring that monies from the public purse, such as rebates on business rates accounts, are not fraudulently claimed and also a public interest in not making it easier for fraud to be committed.

For further information please see the Information Commissioner's Decision notices at the following links

<https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2017/2013485/fs50619844.pdf>

<https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2018/2173119/fs50671834.pdf>