

FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY: INFORMATION RELEASED UNDER THE FREEDOM  
OF INFORMATION ACT  
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**Request**

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

*In the National Audit Office in its report of November 2017, "Implementing the UK's exit from the European Union: The Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU) and the centre of government" it stated that, "The Department for Exiting the EU, drawing upon work from across departments, has identified more than 310 work streams that need to be taken forward to support the Exit process."*

*In a letter from Exiting the European Union, Permanent Secretary, Phillip Rycroft, to Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, Meg Hillier MP on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 detailing the workstreams to implement Brexit he wrote that:*

*"The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has 10 active workstreams relating to policies affected by leaving the EU. These cover the regulatory regime for food safety, the FSA's workforce, incidents handling and import controls for food products. Specific examples include risk assessment and risk management decision making, functions currently carried out by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Commission and Council, respectively."*

*I would therefore like to request*

- 1. A list of each individual workstream;*
- 2. The scope and terms of reference for each workstream.*
- 3. The total cost of each of those workstreams and a breakdown of that cost.*
- 4. Which of the workstreams have been completed.*
- 5. Which of the workstreams undertaken have been commissioned internally within the Civil Service and which have been commissioned externally*
- 6. A copy of each completed workstream*

*I would like to request that the above information to be provided to me as both as paper and electronic copies.*

## **Response**

1. Import Controls  
Incidents Handling and Response  
Legal Consequences  
Audits  
Risk Assessment  
Risk Management  
National Food Crime Unit  
Surveillance  
Enhanced Registration  
Re-Badge
2. To understand the scope and objectives of the FSA's EU Exit Workstreams, please see the updates provided to the FSA's board:
  - September 2017  
<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/fsa170904%20%281%29.pdf>
  - June 2018  
<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/fsa18-06-03.pdf>

The above links describe the work being done by the FSA for the Legal Consequences and Audits workstreams. For information on specific workstreams, please see the following links:

### **Import Controls**

- Importing animals and animal products if there's no Brexit deal  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/importing-animals-and-animal-products-if-theres-no-brexite-deal/importing-animals-and-animal-products-if-theres-no-brexite-deal>

### **Incidents**

- December 2018 Board Paper  
[https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/fsa-18-12-06-incident-management-post-eu-exit-final\\_1.pdf](https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/fsa-18-12-06-incident-management-post-eu-exit-final_1.pdf)

### **Risk Analysis (Risk Assessment and Risk Management Workstreams)**

- Dec 2018 Board paper

<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/fsa-18-12-11-risk-analysis-final.pdf>

## **NFCU**

- December 2018 Board Paper  
<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/9.45-10.15-30%20min-NFCU%20update-fsa171204.pdf>

## **Surveillance**

- December 2018 Board Paper  
[https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/fsa-18-12-07-annual-surveillance-report-final\\_1.pdf](https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/fsa-18-12-07-annual-surveillance-report-final_1.pdf)
- December 2017 Board Paper  
<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/fsa171208%20%281%29.pdf>

## **Enhanced Registration**

- Regulating Our future newsletters, available on <https://www.food.gov.uk>

## **Re-badge**

- Health marks on meat, fish and dairy products if there's no Brexit deal  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-marks-on-meat-fish-and-dairy-products-if-theres-no-brex-it-deal/health-marks-on-meat-fish-and-dairy-products-if-theres-no-brex-it-deal>

3. The individual cost of each workstream is being withheld from disclosure under Section 35 of the Act. Annex B provides further details about the use of this exemption. The total amount of money allocated to the Food Standards Agency to assist with EU Exit preparations, in the financial years 2017/18 – 2019/20, is broken down in the following documents:

- 2017/2018  
<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CDP-2018-0046>
- 2018/2019  
<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-03-13/HCWS540/>
- 2019/2020  
<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-12-18/HCWS1205/>

4. The information relating to this part of your request is being withheld from disclosure under Section 35 of the Act. Annex B provides further details about the use of this exemption.
5. They were all commissioned internally.
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