

Request & Response

Question 1

1) Can you please provide the amount of money sent annually to local authorities specifically for food standard sampling in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland between 2010 and 2018?

Question 2

2) Can you provide the amount of money the FSA has in its budget annually from 2010 to 2018?

I am answering each part of your request in the order in which you made it.

In response to question 1, below are the figures for the last 8 years sampling budget for the national coordinated food standards sampling programme. The budgets for 2009 to 2014 were for England, Scotland*, Wales and Northern Ireland. From 2015 to 2017 budgets were for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Last 8 years	Budget amount
2009-10	£900,000
2010-11	£900,000
2011-12	£1.6 million
2012-13	£1.6 million
2013-14	£2.2 million
2014-15	£1.8 million
2015-16	£1.8 million
2016-17	£610,000
2017-18	£0.00

*In 2015 Food Standards Scotland was formed.'

In response to question 2, the information can be found in the FSA's annual reports. Reports for financial years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 are located here:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/reports-and-accounts>

Reports for prior to 2016 are held here and only go back to 2011/12:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20171207165028/https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/data-transparency-accounts/busreps/annualreport>