

Our Reference: FOI 1772

By email: [REDACTED]

Date: 6 August 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your email to the Food Standards Agency (FSA) dated 6 August 2015 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Your request for information is as follows:

***I am writing to obtain information about the amount your organisation pays to the Confederation of British Industry and its subsidiaries. Please provide the amount paid to the CBI (and its regional subsidiaries)***

***(a) in membership fees***

***(b) fees for one off conferences or other events and***

***(c) fees paid to the CBI for any other services.***

***Please make clear if the response includes payments from any Non-Departmental Public Bodies, Executive Agencies etc which fall under the department and please provide a breakdown of what payments came from which agency/body.***

***Please provide this information for the period 2009-2015 set out by calendar or financial year.***

***If you are unable to provide all of this information within the time/cost limit please work up to the limit focusing on membership fees.***

***Regarding the regional subsidiaries, the full list is here for your reference:***

***CBI Scotland***

***CBI Wales  
CBI Northern Ireland  
CBI East of England  
CBI East Midlands  
CBI London  
CBI North East  
CBI North West  
CBI South East  
CBI South West  
CBI Thames Valley  
CBI West Midlands  
CBI Yorkshire and Humber  
CBI International***

The information that you have requested is not held by the FSA. Following a thorough search of our records, I can confirm that we hold no record of any payments to the CBI or its subsidiaries.

I have also attached to the covering email to this letter, a copy of the FSA's response to a similar request (**FOI 1619**). Please note, we have redacted the personal details of the requester as this constitutes personal data under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). To disclose this information would be in breach of the FSA's obligations under the DPA.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me on the details provided in the footer of this letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not satisfied with the way the FSA has handled your request for information, you should write within two calendar months of the date of this letter to the Openness Team, and ask for an internal review. They will arrange for the Complaints Coordinator to conduct the review. Their address is Food Standards Agency, Room 2C Aviation House, 125 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6NH (email: [Openness.team@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Openness.team@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk)).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FSA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or through the website at: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely



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