

Dear [REDACTED]

BCE-FOI-2023/10

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on 24 July 2023, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. In your request for information you asked:

Please may you provide me, in Microsoft Excel or an equivalent electronic format, with a list of invoices that were not paid within 30 days for the last 6 financial years (2017/18 to 2022/23 inclusive) which would feed into the Regulation 113 Notice you are required to publish each year as part of your obligations under The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, with the following information for each invoice (where available):

- *The name of the Supplier*
- *Supplier email address*
- *Supplier company registration number*
- *Supplier postal address*
- *Supplier telephone number*
- *Supplier website*
- *The date of the invoice*
- *The invoice reference*
- *The gross value of the Invoice*
- *The date the invoice should have been paid by*
- *The actual payment date of the invoice*
- *The total amount of interest liability due to late payment of the invoice*
- *The total amount of interest paid to the supplier due to late payment of the invoice.*

For the avoidance of doubt we request the data behind payment performance summaries for Regulation 113 Notices, not the summaries themselves.

We expect that this information to be readily available and easily accessible in the electronic format requested given the necessity of source data which must have been required to prepare and produce the Regulation 113 Notice.

BCE response:

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is an arms length public body, albeit independent. As such we do not hold the information you have requested. We do not have a bank account or finance department, and corporate services, including all financial matters, audits and reporting are provided by our sponsor department, the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). Might I therefore suggest that you contact DLUHC with your FOI request at: mhclgcorrespondence@levellingup.gov.uk.

I see from your request that you are seeking information from the last 6 financial years. Prior to December 2021, the BCE's sponsor department was the Cabinet Office, which also provided the BCE with all its corporate services.. Might I therefore also suggest that you contact the Cabinet Office Freedom of Information Team. Their email address is:

foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk.

If you have any further queries regarding this response, please contact the Commission, quoting the reference number above.

Under the provisions of the FOI Act if you are dissatisfied with the response provided you may wish to ask for an internal review. If this situation arises you should write to:

The Secretary to the Boundary Commission for England
35 Great Smith Street
Westminster
London
SW1P 3BQ
Email: information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk

If it transpires you are not content with our response or the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the BCE.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Office of the Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

Kind Regards

