

Freedom of Information Request

Request:

for information in relation to rejected direction applications under section 7 (2) of the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1967. details of all such direction applications that have been refused and copies of all letters/documents confirming the refusal and the basis upon which the refusal has been made.

Status: Complete**Response Date:** 04/03/2008

I can confirm that the Authority holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, I estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450 due to the nature of research required looking back over 40 years, when the information is not held in a format easily identifiable for this purpose. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for non-central Government departments it is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in determining whether the Authority holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Authority is not obliged to comply with your request and I will not be processing your request further.

However, I can point out that as from 4 January 2004, information was recorded in a different way and is identifiable and we can supply more recent information, which is identifiable from a database. If you wish we can therefore research with a view to supplying the requested information over the last 4 years. Please advise whether you wish us to proceed on that basis?