

Official

Ref: FOI-232

[REDACTED]  
Sent via email only:  
[REDACTED]

14 June 2019

Dear [REDACTED],

1. Thank you for your email of 14 May 2019 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Your request was for information relating to fruitless payments for the 2018-19 financial year. Specifically, your request was as follows:

*'Please disclose the number of fruitless payments (payments for which liability ought not to have been incurred or whether the demand for the goods and services in questions could have been cancelled in time to avoid liability) in excess of £25,000 made by or paid for by UKAD in the financial year 2018-19.*

*Please disclose:*

- a) *What each payment was for;*
- b) *The value of each payment;*
- c) *The reason why the payment was made;*
- d) *The reason why the payment was classed as fruitless;*
- e) *Whether any disciplinary action was taken as a result of the payment (if there was any disciplinary action, please specify what the action was).'*

## Response

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2. UKAD confirms that it holds the information requested, being that no fruitless payments in excess of £25,000 were made by or paid for by UKAD during the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 (the '2018-19 financial year').
3. UKAD was not created by an Act of Parliament. Instead, the legal underpinning for UKAD's operations is the National Anti-Doping Policy<sup>1</sup>, through which the UK

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<sup>1</sup> Available [here](#)

Government has implemented its commitment to the pursuit of doping-free sport. Further information about the framework under which UKAD operates is available on our website [here](#).

4. However, as both a Non-Departmental Public Body ('NDPB') and limited company UKAD's use of public funds remains subject to oversight by the UK Government. This is achieved through UKAD's Management Agreement<sup>2</sup> with the Department for Digital, culture, Media and Sport ('DCMS'), HM Treasury's guidance 'Managing Public Money'<sup>3</sup>, and other relevant guidance issued from time to time.
5. Fruitless payments are defined in Managing Public Money as '*a payment which cannot be avoided because the recipient is entitled to it even though nothing of use to the department will be received in return*'. As outlined in the Management Agreement, UKAD has delegated authority to approve fruitless payments up to £25,000. Any payments in excess of that amount are reported to DCMS and UKAD must disclose losses and special payments in its Annual Report & Accounts.
6. UKAD confirms that no fruitless payments in excess of £25,000 were made during the 2018-19 financial year.

## Conclusion

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7. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Philip Bunt, Chief Operating Officer, UK Anti-Doping, Fleetbank House, 2-6 Salisbury Square, London EC4Y 8AE. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.
8. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



**UK Anti-Doping**

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<sup>2</sup> Available [here](#)

<sup>3</sup> Available [here](#)