

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-1538 - Business Rates
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 23 October 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I would like to obtain recent information, from the council, relating to unclaimed business rate credit balances.

I therefore request a breakdown of credit balances accrued since your earliest records, for the amounts owing to all incorporated companies, within the authorities billing area, with credits of £2,500 and above, including the following information:

- A. The name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rate credit balances remain payable**
- B. The value of over payment in each case which remain unclaimed**
- C. The year(s) in which over payment was made and the hereditament address**
- D. The name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rate credit balances have been written back on to the NDR account**
- E. The value of write back in each case which remains unclaimed**
- F. The Year(s) in which write back was made (if available) and the hereditament address that the write back relates to.**

We wish to advise you that ACC regularly publishes information on business rates at the following link:

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/business_trade/business_rates/bus_rates_statistics.asp.

This information is published and updated every 12 weeks.

As information on **business rates** is otherwise accessible on ACC's website at the link copied above, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 25(1) in conjunction with Section 25(3) - Information Otherwise Accessible - of the FOISA.

With regards to accounts with a write-on, Aberdeen City Council does not routinely write-on debts where accounts are overpaid. We operate a pro-active refund policy and all overpaid accounts are processed accordingly. Under normal circumstances, the only sums written on involve dividend payments relating to insolvency cases; these cannot be considered to be genuine overpayments.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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