

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-1191 - Car Parking Charges
Date: 19 September 2017 15:29:19
Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your information request of 15 August 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Please provide, under freedom of information legislation, the following:

The total value of parking tickets issued in each of the financial years 2017/18 (to date); 2016/17; 2015/16; 2014/15; 2013/14; 2012/13.

We are unable to provide this information due to the time/resources required to search through a large number of archived and unarchived boxes.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **The total value of parking tickets issued in each of the financial years 2017/18 (to date); 2016/17; 2015/16; 2014/15; 2013/14; 2012/13** as it is exempted from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(b) – Manifestly Unreasonable - of the EIRs.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

Is the request manifestly unreasonable?

ACC is of the view that the information requested is manifestly unreasonable under the terms of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

To explain this, the service would be required to check data from all parking machines for all years requested.

Given the time involved in providing this information, ACC is of the view that this request would have an impact on the core business of the parking team. The Senior Technician is the only person who could carry out this work and would therefore have to devote a significant amount of time away from their day to day work.

What are the public interest arguments?

ACC recognises that there is a clear public interest in maintaining a level of transparency around public finances, and in support of this interest, ACC actively publishes financial information on its website in terms of 'following the public pound'. ACC also publishes its responses to Parking – related information requests on our online Disclosure Log:

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/council_government/dp_foi/freedom_information/disclosure_log.asp

However, in this instance, ACC is of the view that the public interest in maintaining the manifestly unreasonable exception outweighs this general public interest, given the time required by the Senior Technician to provide the information, which would have an impact on the service delivered by this officer.

The total value of cash collected from parking machines in each of the financial years 2017/18 (to date); 2016/17; 2015/16; 2014/15; 2013/14; 2012/13.

Year	Cash Collected (minus electronic payments)
12/13	4,089,722.74
13/14	4,156,654.17
14/15	3,701,611.22
15/16	4,045,661.90
16/17	3,308,654.12
17/18 (as of 06.09.17)	1,308,621.52

The total value of electronic parking payments in each of the financial years 2017/18 (to date); 2016/17; 2015/16; 2014/15; 2013/14; 2012/13.

“Electronic parking payments” was interpreted as pay by phone for 2012/13 to 2016/17. 2017/18 includes both pay by phone and cashless payments made using the new Ringo payment system.

Year	Electronic Payments	
	Pay By Phone	Ringo
12/13	157,417.32	0.00
13/14	580,987.62	0.00
14/15	947,987.62	0.00
15/16	848,621.09	0.00
16/17	1,335,566.13	0.00
17/18 (as of 06.09.17)	70,968.90	442,194.72

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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Dear [REDACTED],

Following our response to you dated 19 September 2017, we have been advised that our colleagues have been able to extract information in relation to Q1. Please see our updated response below:

The total value of parking tickets issued in 2016/17.

2016/17 - £3,893,675.20. Prior to 2016/17, there was no requirement for a record to be maintained. In order to provide this information, it would mean going through archived boxes which contain daily return sheets and logging the information.

We hope this helps with your request.

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