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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-1537 - Business Rates Cap
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 25 October 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I would like to request the following data with regards to the 12.5% cap for non-domestic rates:

1) How is the cap being implemented? (e.g. manually issuing it or through rebate)

The cap (Scottish Government Transitional Relief (TR) scheme) is being administered upon application to the Council. All eligible applications are then processed on the business rates computer system, calculating the relevant relief amount. Revised bills showing this reduction are then issued.

2) How many businesses and organisations are eligible for the cap?

The TR scheme gives relief to businesses in the hospitality sector (this is Scotland-wide) and the office sector (this is for businesses in the Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Council areas only). Based on initial estimates, the number of eligible properties were as follows:

Hospitality sector:	500
Office sector:	847
Total:	1,347

3) To date, how many businesses and organisations which are eligible for the cap have received the cap in full?

Where eligible, all properties in the above sectors will have received TR to restrict the increase in rates to 12.5% in real terms; that relief, although restricting increases to 12.5%, will vary financially according to the circumstances of each property/application. The number of cases to date that have received TR is 307.

4) To date, how many businesses and organisations which are eligible for the cap have not received the cap?

Based on the initial estimates, the number of businesses/properties that have not had TR is 1,040. It must be stressed that the initial figures were estimates only and the likely number of eligible properties will be lower.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

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