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**Subject:** FOI-17-0558 - Right to Buy Applications  
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**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 5 April 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**Could you please tell me?**

**1) The number of right to buy applications you or the organisation that manages your council housing had in financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17.**

**2014/15** – 346

**2015/16** – 414

**2016/17** – 393 (April – Aug)

**2) The number fraudulent right to buy applications that you or the organisation that manages your council housing prevented in financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17.**

Potential right to buy frauds are identified as part of the National Fraud Initiative (NFI). This is a national exercise that matches electronic data within and between public and private sector bodies to prevent and detect fraud. In Scotland it is managed by Audit Scotland and is undertaken every two years.

During 14/15 and 15/16 we had no confirmed right to buy frauds.

The figures below relate to data matches which have highlighted possible discrepancies and are currently being reviewed.

16/17: 13

**3) The estimated cash amount that was saved by preventing fraudulent right to buy applications in 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.**

**2014/2015** - Nil

**2015/2016** - Nil

**2016/2017** - At present nil but refer to above.

Where sufficient evidence is obtained the Council will refer the case to the Procurator Fiscal and will recover any the discount from the tenant.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

## **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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