

GAMBLING COMMISSION

**Response (for the request, please see below)
1 July 2009**

INFO 09/59

I am writing to confirm that the Gambling Commission (the Commission) has now completed its search for the information you requested on 1 June 2009. You requested the itemised expense claims for the Commission's top five highest paid employees for 2007/08 and 2008/09 and the copies of receipts submitted. You also asked for the credit card statements for these employees for 2008/09.

I have attached the monthly claims for these five persons, two of whom are no longer employed by the Commission (Director of Policy and Communication and the Director of Licensing and Compliance). As requested, this relates to claims only and does not include expenditure on Commission credit cards or invoiced payments.

We estimate that the cost of complying with your request for the receipts relating to these expense claims would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for non-departmental public bodies is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours in determining whether the Gambling Commission holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information requested. Providing you with these receipts would exceed the appropriate limit and under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Gambling Commission is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing this further.

With regard to your request for credit card statements, please let me know your preferred postal address and I will provide these to you by first class post. Employee's credit cards are used to pay for a range of goods and services. Some of the entries relate to goods and services procured on behalf of other Commission employees and functions that do not hold an organisational credit card.

Response

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) relating to employees' expenses.

For the 2007/08 and 2008-09 financial years, I would like to request the full expense claims of the top five highest paid employees in the agency, excluding the chief executive.

For expense claims, I would like to request a full list of all claims made broken down to identify each item claimed, the cost of each item claimed and, where available and within FOIA cost limits, copies of all receipts submitted. If any of the individuals hold a credit card linked to the agency then I would request a copy of the bills for the most recent financial year.

Where possible please provide the information electronically via e-mail rather than by post.