

Request

Thank you for your FOI request for the following information:

I specifically require information on the number of unique reference numbers given to bookmakers when replying to suspicious activity reports submitted to the Gambling Commission by non-remote betting operators between April 2014 and March 2015, as per the guidance of the Licencing Codes of Practice.

The unique SAR references reported by operators is done so by the licensed operator and is logged against their account, rather than by gambling sector (a single operator may have a number of different licence types). The total number recorded for all sectors was 1237 between August 2014 and March 2015 (August 2014 was the time when this requirement came into effect).

We do however have sector specific breakdowns from the regulatory returns that are submitted to the Commission. The number of SARs reported through regulatory returns shows that 633 were recorded as being from the non-remote betting sector (between April 2014 and March 2015).

Review of the decision

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your Freedom of Information request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to FOI Team, Gambling Commission, 4th floor, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4BP.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Gambling Commission. The ICO can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Request

I write in accordance with my rights under Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and make the following Freedom of Information request.

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I would prefer to receive this information electronically, preferably not as a PDF. If the decision is made to withhold some of this data using exemptions under the Data Protection Act, please inform me of that fact and cite the exemptions used.

If some documents which form part of this request are easier to obtain than others, then I respectfully request that you release the available information, as soon as possible.

Please contact me using the details below if you require any clarification on my request.

I should be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request and I look forward to hearing from you within the 20 working day statutory time period.