

## Response

Having completed a check of our records, I can confirm that the Commission does not hold the information you have requested so unfortunately we are unable to help you with this request.

The Commission is responsible for licensing and regulating the National Lottery, ensuring the interests of participants are protected and maximising returns for Good Causes. The Commission has licensed Camelot UK Lotteries Ltd (Camelot) as the operator of the National Lottery.

By way of some context, prizes become formally unclaimed if they have not been claimed within 180 days after the relevant draw. These unclaimed prizes are paid to good causes and do not benefit Camelot in any way. Camelot promotes large unclaimed prize jackpots during the 180 day period to maximise the chances of the winner coming forward to claim their prize. This is done by various means including the Camelot website, which currently lists all unclaimed prizes in excess of £50,000 for the 180 day period.

We only collect information where it is required to support our statutory functions. We monitor the returns to good causes and the levels of unclaimed prizes as part of this, but this is generally at an aggregate level rather than broken down by game or location of purchase.

### 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

Dear Sir/Madam

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:

The number of unclaimed lottery prizes in Greater Manchester for the years:

- i) 2011/12
- ii) 2012/13
- iii) 2013/14
- iv) 2014/15

Please specify which borough in Greater Manchester the unclaimed prize was situated.

This information should be made available to me in electronic form if possible.