

## Response

Thank you for your request regarding the unpublished Regulatory Returns dataset as described on the data.gov website.

Regulatory Returns contain commercially sensitive financial and operational information which gambling operators provide to the Commission on an annual or quarterly basis. We use the information to monitor compliance by operators and to inform our understanding of the size and nature of gambling in Great Britain.

Given the nature of this data, we are of the view that it is exempt from disclosure under section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information is submitted to the Commission in confidence so is it also exempt under section 41 of the FOIA. It also contains personal data which is exempt under section 40.

Detailed consideration of these exemptions can be found in the attached.

If you are interested in understanding the size and nature of gambling in Great Britain, you may find our Industry Statistics document to be of interest. The Industry Statistics publication provides a gambling summary for Great Britain based upon aggregated regulatory returns data: [Industry Statistics](#)

If there is a specific area or issue that you are interested in, please outline this and we will see if we can be of any further assistance.

### 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 Commissioners' Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

## Request

Please provide me with a copy of the "Regulatory Returns" dataset described here: <http://data.gov.uk/dataset/regulatory-returns-data>