

Response

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Having completed a check of our records, I can confirm that we do not hold the number 'top prize' winners of the Thunderball in a way in which we can easily extract it. Camelot do however publish the number of top level prize winners from the last 180 days can be found on The National Lottery [Website](#) (under the 'prize breakdown' links).

The information we collect is contained as part of daily monitoring reports which would have to be manually reviewed and figures compiled which would take us over the time limit for processing a 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, we do not tend to collate statistics on prize winners.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for public authorities, such as the Commission, is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. We estimate that it would take in excess of 2.5 working days to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract any relevant information in reference to your request. If you are able to narrow your request, in terms of the timescale; we should be able to provide some data by working up to the time limit.

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

Under the freedom of information act I would like to know how many Top prize winners of the Thunderball, run by the National Lottery there has been since the first draw up to the present time. Thank you.