

Response

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

In relation to your request regarding the number of Lotto Lucky Dips which have been awarded to winners which have won any monies since their introduction. Having completed a check of our records, I can confirm that the Commission does not hold this information therefor 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, we do not collect details on individual winners as a matter of course. This information is processed by Camelot as the operator of the National Lottery but it is not information we are required to collect in support of our regulatory functions.

With regards to your second request relating to written to entries for ITV competitions.

The competitions run on ITV fall within the category of prize competitions or free draws which are free of statutory regulatory control under the Gambling Act 2005 and as such are not regulated by the Gambling Commission.

The Gambling Commission does monitor the boundary between lotteries, competitions and free draws to ensure that organisers are appropriately licenced. However as long as it can be established that the section 14(5) test of the Gambling Act 2005 is satisfied showing that success depends, at least in part, on the exercise of skill, judgment or knowledge by the participants this will fall outside the authority of the Gambling Commission. Therefor we are unable to assist with this element of your request.

Further details around prize competitions and free draws can be found [here](#).

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 One

I am submitting a FOI request to find out as to how many Lotto Lucky Dips which are awarded to winners have won any monies since their introduction

Request Two

I am submitting a FOI request to find out as to how many written entries for ITV competitions have ever won a prize since the start of these competitions

I have always been concerned that although the competitions are open for written entrants they do not contribute any money for their entry, which would not benefit the organisers of the competition This is in contrast to the charges made to people who phone in which could be seen as discrimination