

Response

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

As requested, please find attached the regional breakdown of sales that we hold. The data we hold is from quarter 2 of 2009-2010 when Camelot sales regions were organised on this basis. The data is provided in this form by Camelot.

Please note that the regional sales data will not reconcile to total sales. This is because certain sales, such as telesales, are not allocated to regions.

With regards to the allocation of National Lottery funding having completed a search of our records, I can confirm that the Commission does not hold this information.

The Commission is responsible for licensing and regulating the National Lottery and ensuring that funds are raised for good causes. However, we do not distribute those funds. There are various distribution bodies, established by parliament, which are responsible for awarding lottery grants. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport oversees these funding bodies.

You can find information on these bodies and funding on the website for lottery funding www.lotteryfunding.org.uk or by calling 0845 275 0000.

In addition, there are many government schemes, trusts and foundations that provide funding for specific causes. The lottery funding website also has information on other funding organisations that may be able to help you. Alternatively, local authorities may also hold information about current grant schemes.

The total amounts raised for good causes can be found in quarterly reports and also in our annual reports via the following links:

<http://www.natlotcomm.gov.uk/regulating-the-lottery/returns-to-good-causes-reporting.html>

<http://www.natlotcomm.gov.uk/>

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 am currently looking into the number of people who play the National Lottery in different areas of the country and any possible relationships that may exist in relation to the demographics of those areas. As well as the allocation of National Lottery funding in said areas. I am emailing as I hope that you may be able to assist in providing me with

information pertaining to the number of National Lottery tickets (specifically the 'lotto' game) sold per county and the allocation of National Lottery funding per county since the Lotteries inception and/or the source information from which this can be procured.

Thank you for your time, should you have any questions regarding the information I requested or the reasoning please do not hesitate to ask, I am happy to elaborate, but I shall for the time being attempt to maintain a concise first correspondence.