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Dear Mr Boswarva

I refer to your request where you asked:

“On 21 February 2014 the Cabinet Office published the following news story:

£1.5 million funding to open up public data
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/15-million-funding-to-open-up-public-data>

I understand the £1.5 million Release of Data fund mentioned in the above story is part of the £7 million in data-related funding previously announced by BIS in March 2012:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/better-access-to-public-sector-information-moves-a-step-closer>

Whether or not these are the same or separate funds, please provide the following information (if held):

1. A list of any amounts allocated from either of the above two funds to particular projects or proposals, including (but not limited to) the eight proposals mentioned in the Data Fund allocation attachment.
2. The names of the corresponding projects or proposals, and the entities to which the amounts have or are intended to be allocated.
3. A copy of any documents that set out the most recent criteria for eligibility, selection or prioritisation of bids for allocation of amounts from the above two funds.

Many thanks for your assistance with this request.”

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that some of the information you requested is held on behalf of the Cabinet Office.

Information relating to the ‘Release of Data Fund’ for 2013/14, specifically:

- Amounts allocated,
- Names of corresponding projects or proposals,

is exempt under section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 21 exempts information if this information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and the Cabinet Office is not required to consider whether the public interest favours disclosure of this information.

For the sake of convenience, the information requested is available at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/299583/Release-Of-Data-Fund.csv/preview

In response to your request for eligibility details, I attach an outline of the process for bids in Financial Year 2013/14. Criteria for eligibility in Financial Year 2014/15 will be available publicly shortly.

The 'Breakthrough Fund' is managed by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and therefore we do not hold the requested details. This request should therefore be addressed to the relevant department.

I also attach the requested list of Transparency Sector Boards, please be aware that Transparency Sector Boards are autonomous and governed by their respective departments, as such, Cabinet Office does not directly convene these groups. If you have any queries for individual sector boards, please contact the relevant department directly.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the FOI team. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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email: foi.team@cabinet-office.gsi.gov.uk

You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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