

INFORMATION RELEASED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Information released title	SSC funding
Original request	<p>Overall yearly budget since inception - (three year's worth) and what the breakdown is..</p> <p>Next year's budget – either forecasted, or actually announced</p> <p>How the budgets get split amongst the SSCs – (the amount each one gets), again for each year since inception, and next year's...</p> <p>Is there a % figure the UKCES gets as a percentage of all skills/training budgets ie out of everything given out to the RDAs, LSC etc..., how much do you get?</p> <p>If you happen to know the splits the other bodies get, that would be good too...</p>
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Requester type	Journalist – HR Magazine

Information released:

Thank you for your request dated 15 March 2010, which was received on 16 March 2010 concerning your request for financial information from the UK Commission for Employment and Skills.

The request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the UK Commission for Employment and Skills holds some of the information you have requested. However, we are withholding some information since we consider that the exemptions under section 21 and section 22 of the Act applies to it.

(Section 21: Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means).

(Section 22: Information intended for future publication).

The UK Commission's overall yearly budget is routinely published and freely available from our website, www.ukces.org.uk. This information is detailed within the Grant-in-Aid letter 2008/09 and 2009/10, the Annual Report 2008/09 and the Business Plan 2008/09 and 2009/10.

Therefore, section 21 of the Act applies to this information. The Annual Report 2009/10 is intended for future publication, therefore section 22 of the Act applies to the withholding of this information.

The Grant-in-Aid letter 2010/11 and the Business Plan 2010/11 are all intended for future publication and will provide details about funding and budgets for 2010/11. Therefore section 22 of the Act applies to the withholding of this information.

Regarding your request for the amount of funding which Sector Skills Councils receive, please

find attached a spreadsheet detailing the amount each Sector Skills Council has received from 2003/04 through to 2009/10. We are not in a position to release to any information regarding Sector Skills Council budgets for 2010/11 due to on-going negotiations and current tendering exercises. Information will be published once it has been finalised. Therefore this is being withheld under section 22 of the Act.

I can confirm that the UK Commission does not receive a percentage of all skills/training budgets out of everything given to RDAs, LSC etc, as per your enquiry.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to the Head of Secretariat Services at the above address.

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There is no charge for making an appeal.