

Freedom of Information Request Reference: VTS 04-20-175

Dear

Attached is the response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Data description	Data	Comment
Context		
Non-domestic rates proposals outstanding at 30 September 2013	170,545	This figure has been subject to slight fluctuation over the period because of reinstated appeals
Clearance target set in Chancellor's Autumn Statement 2013	95%	cleared by July 2015
Cleared appeals	94%	cleared by July 2015
FOI requested data as at 31 July 2015		
1) The total number of business rate appeals still with the VT yet to be resolved which pre-date September 2013 of appeal/challenge being lodged with the VOA.	10,339	
2) Break down of figure on question 1		
a) total number of appeals yet to be listed.	750	5 are past target date (but await another court's decision)and 745 sit in VOA programmes with future target dates (the majority pending decisions from higher courts).
b) total number of appeals part heard	4,546	We were unclear what was mean by this. The figure given is appeals that have been listed once (1,276) or more than once (3,270) but have been deferred for a variety of reasons
c) total number of appeals listed with a hearing date but yet to be heard	5,043	A number of these will also have been deferred from earlier hearings
3) Accumulative total of rateable value for the number of appeals answered in question 1.		We do not hold this data and could not calculate it reliably from other data
4) Date of the oldest appeal with the VT which pre dates challenge to the VOA as of September 2013.	22 March 2005	Excluding central rating list appeals on telecommunications networks, dating from 2000-2005, this is the oldest appeal.
5) Property details for the information provided in question 4.	Surgery & premises (Somerset) Listed and postponed seven times between 2005-15.	(Surgeries were the subject of an Upper Tribunal decision made in June 2015; many surgeries' assessments await re-examination by the VOA following this or are currently listed).

Information disclosed in response to your request is releasable to the public, in keeping with the spirit of the Act and the government's 'transparency agenda'. This correspondence and the information disclosed to you may therefore be placed on our website, but it will contain no information that identifies you.

If you have any complaint about the way we have dealt with your request you may apply for an internal review. Please write, quoting the reference number above and giving your reasons, to:

Senior Information Risk Owner
 Chief Executive's Office
 Valuation Tribunal Service
 2nd Floor
 120 Leaman Street
 London E1 8EU.

He will investigate and respond within 20 working days of receipt of your complaint. If you remain dissatisfied you have a right to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner. We will give you further information with the response.

Regards
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