



Response to Request for Information

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Parking Meters

Request:

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In regards to the 47 pay and display machines on-street and the 29 pay and display machines off-street in Wolverhampton, how much money have these machines made in the last five years?

Can this be broken down by year and, if within cost, by machine?

Response:

In response to your request, information listed below:

Income for Pay and Display machines - On-Street Parking:

Gross income from on-street parking in 2010/11	£614,377
Gross income from on-street parking in 2011/12	£607,100
Gross income from on-street parking in 2012/13	£638,490
Gross income from on-street parking in 2013/14	£603,719
Gross income from on-street parking in 2014/15	£574,796

Income for Pay and Display machines and Pay on Exit facilities – Off-Street Parking (car parks)

Gross income from off-street parking in 2010/11	£1,585,044
Gross income from off-street parking in 2011/12	£1,530,413
Gross income from off-street parking in 2012/13	£1,514,733
Gross income from off-street parking in 2013/14	£1,512,284
Gross income from off-street parking in 2014/15	£1,757,894

Costs associated with administration and maintenance of Off-Street Parking:

2010/11	£1,029,393
2011/12	£976,752
2012/13	£927,859

2013/14	£965,947
2014/15	£847,402

In response to your request in regards to income broken down by year by machine, we can confirm that following careful consideration, the Council regrets to inform you that it has decided not to disclose this information.

Information you have requested has been withheld from disclosure. The exemption engaged is Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

Section 12 of the FOI exempts Public Authorities from providing information where the estimated cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. Any estimate must be undertaken in accordance with the limits set in fees regulations made under Section 12 (5) of the FOI.

These Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244 Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations) allow for a refusal where the cost of compliance, for local authorities such as the Council, would exceed £450. As a guide, staff time to identify and extract this information is charged at a rate of £25 per hour.

In summary, we cannot easily gather this information via a report as it is not held centrally. In order to determine the information you have requested, we would need to manually interrogate various systems/reports. This would be a manual exercise in locating and retrieving the information and then extracting the information from documents/reports for each machine. As such we believe the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

If you can narrow down your request the Council will look into the matter again and may be able to provide the information free of charge because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. Any reformulated request the department receives from you will be treated as a fresh FOI request.