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Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information Request: 102023**

Following your email dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 requesting the following:

We have requested FOI requests in the past and would like to do so again please?

Could you please provide as much information as possible to the below requests?

1. How much levy has is paid by flooring contractors (excluding tiling contractors) per year?
2. How much grant do CITB pay back out for skills taught to those flooring contractors per year?
3. What is the average flooring contractor levy bill?
4. Can you break down the above levy/grant figures by location within the UK?
5. How many flooring contractors are registered with CITB?

The response is as follows:

1. How much levy has is paid by flooring contractors (excluding tiling contractors) per year?  
£1.7M is the Levy Assessment value for 2022 for Flooring employers.
2. How much grant do CITB pay back out for skills taught to those flooring contractors per year?  
These employers have received £424k through the Grants scheme and £100k through the Skills and Training Funds during the 2022/23 financial year.
3. What is the average flooring contractor levy bill?  
£2,700 based on 2022 Levy Assessment
4. Can you break down the above levy/grant figures by location within the UK?

Nation	Region	Levy	Grant Paid	Funding
England	East Midlands	80K	15K	8K
	East of England	125K	3K	5K
	London	190K	0	3K
	North East	35K	12K	10K
	North West	230K	55K	16K
	South East	225K	13K	2K
	South West	100K	38K	14K
	West Midlands	175K	11K	3K
	Yorkshire and The Humber	190K	18K	21K
Scotland	N/A	270K	244K	17K
Wales	N/A	91K	14K	0



5. How many flooring contractors are registered with CITB?

About 750 employers declared main activity as Flooring (excluding tiling). It is possible that some flooring contractors may have been registered under a non-flooring related main activity code, such as 'General Building' – meaning we must take the data provided as a minimum. To provide more detailed data would require a complete review of the entire register looking at non-flooring main activity codes to see which, if any, are registered under the wrong code. The diverse source of the data, and multiple locations where it is held, mean that to gather this data would require a significant manual search. The estimated time to obtain and collate this data and provide a response to this specific aspect of your request would exceed the time and cost limits allowed for a Freedom of Information response. We are therefore exempting this particular element from our response on the grounds of Section 12 of the FOI Act (Requests where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit).

As additional information in relation to your request please note that registered employees and those assessed for 2022 is not comparable as we have roughly 100 not assessed under 2022 Levy Assessment due to first year liability.

If you are unhappy with this response, or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting Adrian Beckingham, Strategy and Policy Director, CITB, Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Peterborough, PB2 8TY or email [adrian.beckingham@citb.co.uk](mailto:adrian.beckingham@citb.co.uk).

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. You can raise a complaint with the ICO via their portal [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) or by contacting them at

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Yours sincerely  
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