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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Request: 362020

Thank you for contacting CITB requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your email, dated 6th January 2020, asked for the following information:

1. Are CITB able to break down the levy and grant figures listed in point 1 by location within the UK? Mainly areas of England and Scotland if possible?
2. How many flooring contractors are there registered with CITB to receive grant?
3. Can CITB elaborate on what happens to the remaining balance of levy once grant has been paid out? Is it used for anything specific within the Wall and Floor coverings category you identified? Is it used as part of wider construction training or is it held as a CITB reserve possibly?

My response is as follows:

1. Below is a table to show the Average Levy value & Average Grant value as supplied before split by English region and showing Scotland and Wales as a whole:

Country	English Region	Levy Assessment	Grant Paid
England	East Midlands	£135K	£45K
	East of England	£200K	£35K
	London	£280K	£30K
	North East	£60K	£35K
	North West	£270K	£140K
	South East	£270K	£35K
	South West	£100K	£35K
	West Midlands	£200K	£40K
	Yorkshire and The Humber	£180K	£40K
Scotland	N/A	£245K	£365K
Wales	N/A	£60K	£50K

Levy Paid refers to the amount issued as part for the 2018 & 2019 Levy assessment. This figure is trying to ascertain how much in general the flooring sector pays but is not a true reflection of money received as there will be debt outstanding currently being pursued for payment and those paying by Direct Debit.

2. There are current about 1100 employers registered that state a relation to 'Flooring' within their main activity. 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).
3. The money which comes in from the Levy is used to fund training in the industry as a whole, rather than on a sector by sector basis.

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, Corporate Performance Director, CITB, Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Peterborough, PB2 8TY or email 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. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioners website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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