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BY EMAIL

Our Ref: FOI 2227

Dear 

Your request for information was received on 19th June 2024 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested:

Please supply the following information for your Agency ONLY, (do not including any data on other agencies or public bodies that may report to you) for the period of 2023:

- 1. Year of Creation/Launch/Establishment?**
- 2. Your Annual Budget for the financial year of 2022/23?**
- 3. Other Revenue received but not from government?**
- 4. Fiscal Powers: Yes/No**
- 5. Regulatory Powers: Yes/No**
- 6. Do you sponsor other Public Bodies: Yes/No, if yes who?**
- 7. Number of permanent staff?**
- 8. Number of temporary staff (including part timers)?**
- 9. Number of contract staff employed, (self-employed)?**

Points of clarification:

- Questions 7,8 & 9 that is number employed during the financial year of 2022/23**
- Question 7: Permanent and Fixed term employees" (including both full and part time staff)**
- Question 8: Temporary and contract staff" (contractors and agency temps)**
- Question 9: Secondments" (non pay-roll staff on secondment from other organisations)**



I should advise you that the information you seek is contained within the BSO annual report and accounts for 22/23. Please find a link below:

[BSO-FINAL-Signed-2022-23-Annual-Report-and-Accounts.pdf \(hscni.net\)](#)

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter, as the BSO, along with all other public authorities are not obliged to accept internal review requests after this period has lapsed.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,
2 Franklin Street,
Belfast,
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If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision-making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

Website: www.ico.org.uk
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Email: casework@ico.org.uk
Post: Information Commissioner's Office
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place
Belfast
BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However, the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,



Karen Bailey
Chief Executive