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COVENT GARDEN MARKET AUTHORITY FINANCE

Thank you for your request of 4 July 2022 relating to the Annual Reports and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority. With regards to your Freedom of Information request, you asked the National Audit Office (NAO) for the following specific information:

“the Annual Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority that have been laid before the houses of parliament as required by section 46. (7) of the Covent Garden Market Act 1961. I have found them going back to Financial Year 2013/14 so am requesting copies of the older Annual Reports going all the way back to the 1960's when the CGMA was created.

I am also requesting any and all accounts and reports laid before parliament that relate to section 40. (7) of the Covent Garden Market Act 1961. This requires the Minister (of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) to provide an account to the Comptroller and Auditor General each financial year of sums received or issued by him from/to the Covent Garden Market Authority.”

Having searched our audit records and archives, we can confirm that we do not hold information within the scope of your request. We are sorry that we are unable to help you on this occasion. Annex A sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request.

Yours sincerely,

NAO FOI TEAM

Annex A

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. We therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI.requests@nao.org.uk or by post* to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF