

Ref: FOI2021-021

10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Dear

Further to our email of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 regarding your request for the following information:

1. In respect of each of the years 2015-2021, please confirm what funding has been provided to Stonewall by:

Atomic Weapons Establishment

- 2. Please specify whether the funding in 1 above has been in the form of:
- (a) direct grants for unlimited purposes;
- (b) direct grants for limited purposes (in that event, stating the purpose);
- (c) payment for goods or services (specifying the relevant goods and services).
- 3. Where the funding in 1 above has been by way of payment for goods or services, please specify: (a) what analysis has been conducted to ascertain whether these goods or services meet contractual and/or legal requirements;
- (b) what contractual or other recourse exists to reclaim in respect of goods or services that are defective, substandard or delivered in contravention of the law;
- (c) what steps are being taken to seek recourse for any such contractual or legal shortfalls.
- 4. In respect of the payments referred to in 1 above, please state:
- (a) What criteria were applied in deciding to make payments by way of direct grants;
- (b) What tendering process was conducted with regard to provision of goods or services;
- (c) What alternative suppliers of goods or services were considered.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search for the requested information within the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) has now been completed, and we can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

Addressing each of your points in turn, we are able to disclose the following information:

Q1 In respect of each of the years 2015-2021, please confirm what funding has been provided to Stonewall by Atomic Weapons Establishment?

We only hold information from 2018 onwards.

2018 - £6,794

2019 - £6,017





2020 - £5,000 2021 - £5,000

- Q2 Please specify whether the funding in 1 above has been in the form of:
  - (a) direct grants for unlimited purposes;
  - (b) direct grants for limited purposes (in that event, stating the purpose);
  - (c) payment for goods or services (specifying the relevant goods and services).

Funding in 1 above has been in the form of payment for goods or services: Annual subscription and attendance at Stonewall annual conferences.

- Q3 Where the funding in 1 above has been by way of payment for goods or services, please specify:
  - (a) what analysis has been conducted to ascertain whether these goods or services meet contractual and/or legal requirements;

    No information held
  - (b) what contractual or other recourse exists to reclaim in respect of goods or services that are defective, substandard or delivered in contravention of the law;

    No information held
  - (c) what steps are being taken to seek recourse for any such contractual or legal shortfall No information held
- Q4 In respect of the payments referred to in 1 above, please state:
  - (a) What criteria were applied in deciding to make payments by way of direct grants; No information held
  - (b) What tendering process was conducted with regard to provision of goods or services; No information held
  - (c) What alternative suppliers of goods or services were considered.

    In 2021 AWE undertook an assessment of all its current Diversity & Inclusion memberships to understand what we get for our money and a decision was made to remain with Stonewall

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled you have a right to request an internal review within 40 days of receiving this letter, by writing to information.requests@awe.co.uk or our postal address: Information Requests Team, AWE Aldermaston, Reading, RG7 4PR. If you are still unhappy after an internal review has been completed, under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have the right to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please note the Commissioner will generally not consider a complaint until you have exhausted AWE's internal complaints process.

Yours sincerely,

**AWE Information Requests Team** 

