

The Crown Estate Disclosure Log

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Subject: Modern Slavery Act
Request response
<p>I am writing in response to your email of 3 September 2019, in which you raised a number of questions which we have considered in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I will respond to each of your questions in turn.</p> <p>1) Is your authority's supply chain checked for adherence to Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?</p> <p>Yes - information on the measures we take are detailed in The Crown Estate Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement.</p> <p>2) In the calendar year 2017, how many suppliers in your supply chain did Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 apply to?</p> <p>We do not hold this information. We could provide you with a number on the total number of commercial contracts for this year – please let us know if you require this. However, this would not necessarily answer your question because it would only capture the contractual arrangement between us and another business rather than the full supply chain which sits beneath that contract.</p> <p>3) In the calendar year 2018, how many suppliers in your supply chain did Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 apply to?</p> <p>As above, we do not hold information in relation to this question.</p> <p>4) How often are due diligence checks carried out in compliance with Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act and by whom (job title)?</p> <p>As detailed in The Crown Estate Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement, we ask suppliers to certify that they do not engage in slavery or human trafficking, or any activity associated with these offences. Suppliers which supply materials used for Crown Estate business (such as building materials) are required to certify that each product complies with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and any other law regarding slavery and human trafficking of the country/countries in which the materials are sourced. Further, any new supplier entering into a contract or tendering for work with The Crown Estate has to provide us with details of their policies on slavery and human trafficking, as well as providing assurance that they, or anyone within their own supply chain, do not engage in slavery or human trafficking, or any activity associated with these offences.</p>

5) Which area of your supply chain do you think is particularly vulnerable to risks of modern slavery and human trafficking and what steps have you taken to manage these risks?

As you may be aware, Freedom of Information law only entitles you to seek an opinion where it is already recorded. In addition, it enables public authorities to redirect requestors where information is already in the public domain. Please see [The Crown Estate Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement](#) for information relevant to this question.

6) How compliant is your authority to enforcing the requirements of section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?

As detailed in our Statement, we have a zero tolerance policy on slavery and human trafficking within our business and supply chains and there have been no reported instances of suspicious activity in our supply chain since 2015.

7) Have there been any reports of incidents of Modern Slavery in your supply chain?

We have had no reported instances of incidents of Modern Slavery in our supply chain, as defined by the Modern Slavery Act 2015. We therefore hold no information relevant to this part of your request.

8) How well do you think staff managing contracts on behalf of your authority are trained to spot and tackle Modern Slavery within your supply chain?

Our staff receive regular training in relation to supply chain management and are supported by a central procurement team, which reports to our Chief Financial Officer.

9) What is the name of your authority?

The Crown Estate Commissioners.

10) Does your authority publish a Modern Slavery statement.

Yes, please see the link above.

I hope that this information is helpful. However, if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your information request, you may complain or appeal our decision, which will be investigated through an Internal Review. If you are not content with the outcome of the Internal Review, you have the right to refer your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision (contact details are available at: www.ico.org.uk). Please note that the ICO will usually expect you to have first exhausted our own complaints procedure before raising your concerns with them.