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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which was received by the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) on 6 March 2020. Your email outlined the following request:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if your organisation could please respond to the following questions:

1. Excluding EPC ratings, does your organisation measure carbon emissions due to energy use in relation to your built assets? Yes / No / Partially / Don't know
2. What was the annual carbon footprint (in CO₂) of your organisation's HQ building in 2018?
3. Does your organisation have a carbon emissions reduction plan in place, for energy use related to your built assets? Yes / No / Don't know
4. With the UK Government having signed legislation to commit the UK to a legally binding target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, is your organisation already planning towards 'net zero carbon' operation by 2050? Yes / Partially / No / Don't know

If you have any questions, please do let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you by Monday 6 April.

Response

The HTA along with other Arms Length Bodies were mandated to locate in offices under the Crown banner. In 2010, the HTA moved into its current premises at 151 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SZ.

The HTA agreed a contract through the Government Property Agency (GPA), who deliver property and workplace solutions across government by managing central government property, including estates and facilities management. Therefore, any consideration in relation to our organisational responsibilities under the Climate Change Act 2008 are managed through the GPA and accounted for within our overall costs for the estates and facilities they provide.

Our response to the specific points you have raised follows:

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1. Excluding EPC ratings, does your organisation measure carbon emissions due to energy use in relation to your built assets? Yes / No / Partially / Don't know

No - The HTA does not record or measure our individual carbon emissions

2. What was the annual carbon footprint (in CO₂) of your organisation's HQ building in 2018?

The HTA does not record or hold this information

3. Does your organisation have a carbon emissions reduction plan in place, for energy use related to your 'built assets'? Yes / No / Don't know

You can refer this request to the Government Property Agency (GPA) who provide our estates and facilities management

4. With the UK Government having signed legislation to commit the UK to a legally binding target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, is your organisation already planning towards 'net zero carbon' operation by 2050? Yes / Partially / No / Don't know

You can refer this request to the Government Property Agency (GPA) who provide our estates and facilities management. The HTA where possible will amend its activities to ensure it contributes to the UK Governments mission.

If you have any questions, please do let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you by Monday 6 April.

Further information

If you are unhappy with the way the HTA has handled your request for information in this case, you may in the first instance ask us for an internal review by writing to us at the above postal or email address.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have the right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision, at the address below. There is no charge for making an appeal.

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