

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]
(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA290120-1470

Date: 17 February 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 29 January 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked;

How many people/households have signed up to London Power to date?

Our response to your request is as follows:

Customer numbers for London Power will be published quarterly. This will be part of a regular publication schedule, with the first full quarter's data published following the end of quarter 1 2020/21.

Section 22 of the FOIA provides an exemption for information that is intended to be published in the future. Information is exempt if, at the time when the public authority receives a request for it:

- the public authority holds the requested information;
- the public authority intends the information to be published at some future date, whether that date is determined or not; and
- in all the circumstances it is reasonable to withhold the information until its planned publication.

Section 22 acknowledges that public authorities must have freedom to be able to determine their own publication timetables. This allows them to deal with the necessary preparation, administration and context of publication. It is however necessary to consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption (and withholding the information until the publication date), is greater than the public interest in releasing the information before this date.

The public interest - i.e. the best interests of the public - is met by the GLA being open and transparent, but also by managing its resources effectively, and this includes setting reasonable

publication schedules to meet this public interest. We therefore find the balance of public interest falls in maintaining the exemption.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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