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**Our Ref: FOI3318/DB/02**  
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03<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

Dear [Name Redacted]

### **Freedom of Information – Request for Information**

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

#### **Details of Your Request**

- 1) I would like to know the names of the 20 landlords (excluding housing associations) whose tenants collectively received the largest amounts of housing benefit from your council in the last financial year, 2013/14.  
2) From records of payments that you are able to link to landlords, can you please provide me with the amount in pounds of total housing benefits paid to their tenants for each of the top 20 in that year?

**The response to your request as follows:**

**Name of individuals and sole traders are redacted and exempt under S40(2) of the Act as it is considered this would be classed as personal information as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998.**

[Name redacted]	£28841
Paul & Sons	£39777
Central Developments	£23405
Hemway Lettings	£17749
Colbourne Calder	£ 7379
[Name Redacted]	£23038
[Name Redacted]	£14711
[Name Redacted]	£12456
[Name Redacted]	£12425
Northwood	£20681
Smiths	£21959
[Name Redacted]	£12455
[Name Redacted]	£ 7860
[Name Redacted]	£12284
RMP Property Management	£ 8874
[Name Redacted]	£ 6676
[Name Redacted]	£ 6149
T & M Buckland	£ 5442
[Name Redacted]	£ 5214
[Name Redacted]	£ 5522

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Details of Tamworth Borough Council's internal review and complaints procedure are attached, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Yours Sincerely

Derek Bolton  
Corporate Information Security Manager

**From:** [Name Redacted]  
**Sent:** 03 March 2015 16:32  
**To:** Bolton, Derek  
**Subject:** RE: FOI3318 - Landlord and HB payments

Derek

Thank you for your response. Can I ask for an internal review please.

Can you please point those undertaking the review to this ruling by the ICO:  
[https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2015/1043296/fs\\_50547446.pdf](https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2015/1043296/fs_50547446.pdf) . This ruling stated that Torbay Council was not to redact the names of individual landlords and sole traders on the basis of section 40(2) of FOIA and that they were to disclose the withheld names of the landlords.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards.....[Name Redacted]

[Name Redacted]  
SQM Solutions  
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email: [Email Address Redacted]

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Dear [Name Redacted]

Thank you for bringing this very recent Information Commissioners Decision Notice to our attention. I have read it fully and may I advise that decision notices do not contribute to case law and are made on a case by case basis, additionally these may be overturned by appeal to the First Tier (Information Rights) Tribunal. I understand to date that Torbay Council have not lodged a formal appeal.

That said, the case was not a complex one and the ICO has considered the aspect of disclosure of personal information, addressed the element of Sole Trader that is captured under the Data Protection Act 1998, and as the regulator for the DPA98 made a decision in favour of disclosure.

Based on the above and in the absence of any appeal to the First Tier Tribunal, we disclose the full list of companies and Sole Traders below in respect of your request.

Name of landlord	HB paid
R Jordan	£28841
Paul & Sons	£39777
Central Developments	£23405
Hemway Lettings	£17749
Colbourne Calder	£ 7379
K Fisher	£23038
E Short	£14711
J Buckley	£12456
M Loveland	£12425
Northwood	£20681
Smiths	£21959
I Thomas	£12455
R Knight	£ 7860
M Smith	£12284
RMP Property Management	£ 8874
A Parr	£ 6676
D Dean	£ 6149
T & M Buckland	£ 5442
R Sodhi	£ 5214
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I trust that now concludes your request.

Regards

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***And Officer for Emergency Planning***

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