Request details – FOI 5598

I am writing to request details under the Freedom of Information Act on number of council house and social housing tenants earning high salaries.

More specifically I am requesting the following:

- 1. The number of current tenants earning between £50,000-a-year and £99,999-a-year (gross income) in salary. Please provide a breakdown showing how many are council house tenants and how many are tenants of a housing association.
- 2. The number of current tenants earning between £100,000-a-year and £149,999-a-year (gross income) in salary. Please provide a breakdown showing how many are council house tenants and how many are tenants of a housing association.
- 3. The number of current tenants earning between £150,000-a-year and £199,999-a-year (gross income) in salary. Please provide a breakdown showing how many are council house tenants and how many are tenants of a housing association.
- 4. The number of current tenants earning more than £200,000-a-year (gross income) in salary. Please provide a breakdown showing how many are council house tenants and how many are tenants of a housing association.
- 5. A copy of your most recent housing needs survey that contains data on salaries of tenants.

By council house tenants I mean any tenant living in subsidised social housing.

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Thank you for your request for information received on 26 May 2011 regarding the salaries of tenants within Birmingham City Council's Social Housing.

I have been advised by colleagues within Birmingham City Council Housing and Constituencies Directorate that there is no requirement for tenants to supply income details when applying for social housing. They therefore do not hold the data that you are requesting.

Your request was forwarded to The Benefit Service as they will record income details for customers applying for Housing Benefit. However, as this is a means tested benefit and you are asking for data where salaries exceed £50,000 I can advise you that there would be no entitlement to Housing Benefit for someone with that level of income. The Benefit Service would not therefore hold the data you have requested.