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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1022

I write further to your email dated 02 December 2019.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, explained on our <u>freedom of information</u> page.

Your request:

The Government announced in the Budget on 29 October 2018 that it will provide a business rates retail discount scheme for occupied retail properties with a rateable value of less than £51,000 in each of the years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Guidance on eligible hereditaments was issued by MHCLG in November 2018.

Please confirm:

- (1) How many hereditaments in your authority which are not already receiving 100% small business rates relief have thus far been granted relief under this retail discount scheme in relation to the 2019/20 rate year.
- (2) The aggregate amount of this relief which the authority expects to grant to ratepayers not in receipt of 100% small business rates relief for the entire 2019/20 rate year.

Our response:

- (1) 174 assessments (218 transactions 44 of which are duplicated)
- (2) £330,151.64

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