

Northern Lighthouse Board

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Dear XXX

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Provision of Information

Thank you for your request for information. I have dealt with this in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and enclose the information requested.

Question: I am conducting a small piece of research regarding the shape and size of a number of government/public sector bodies across the UK and Ireland, this is my own research to better understand the machinery of government and public sector.

Please could you let me know the total number of people you employ nationwide and the budget allocation you received from DFT last year.

Answer: In the 2008/09 financial year, the Northern Lighthouse Board employed 190 full-time staff and 73 part-time staff.

The Northern Lighthouse Board, together with Trinity House (England, Wales and the Channel Isles) and the Commissioners of Irish Lights (Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland) are the **General Lighthouse Authorities** for the United Kingdom and Ireland. Running costs are met from a "*General Lighthouse Fund*", financed by the collection of Light Dues paid by commercial ships calling at British and Irish ports, and by fishing vessels 10 metres and over in length. The fund, administered by the Department for Transport, is entirely self-financing, and receives no grant from the UK Exchequer. Further detailed information on our running costs can be found in our annual Report & Accounts which are publicly available on our website: <http://www.nlb.org.uk/theboard/reportshtm.html>. The Northern Lighthouse Board withdrew £21,455K from the General Lighthouse Fund in the year ended 31st March 2009 (£19,970K 2007/08) to finance its work.

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In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The Northern Lighthouse Board will, therefore, be publishing the information you requested on www.nlb.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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