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REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know the average time taken for the council to pay invoices submitted to it by suppliers. I would like this data broken down in to 12-month periods ending March 31.

I would like data going back five years (with data commencing from 2009/10). If this is not possible within the restrictions of the Freedom of Information Act, three years of data will suffice (from 2011/12). If this is not possible, please supply two years of data (2012/13 and 2013/14).

If the year end (March 31) makes responding to this request difficult, please base the response on the council's annual report/financial accounts.

RESPONSE

Further to your FOI request submitted on 16 June, unfortunately, the Council do not keep data relating to the average time taken to pay invoices. We only hold statistical information in relation to how many invoices were paid within 30 days for the last financial year, which for the year ended 31 March 2014 was 98.55%.

If you need any further information in relation to payments to suppliers, then this is contained on the Council's Website at :-

<http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/council/performance-spending>