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STONEWALL DIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

Thank you for your request of 14 December 2023 for information about Stonewall UK. We have considered your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have searched our records and can confirm that we do not hold any information in scope of your request.

Your specific request is set out in **Annex A** together with our response to each part of the request. **Annex B** sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request for information under FOIA.

I hope the explanation provided in this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

NAO FOI Team

Annex A

Request for information about Stonewall UK:

(Your request is in italics and our response in bold below)

1. *“Was your organisation a member of the Stonewall Diversity Champions scheme in the financial year 2022-23?”*

The National Audit Office (NAO) was not a member of the Stonewall Diversity Champions scheme in the financial year 2022-23.

2. *“What was the membership fee given to Stonewall as part of their Diversity Champions programme in 2022-23 by your organisation?”*

The NAO was not a member of the Stonewall Diversity Champions programme in 2022-23. No membership fee was therefore paid in 2022-23.

3. *“Is your organisation currently a member of Stonewall’s Diversity Champions programme?”*

The NAO is not currently a member of Stonewall’s Diversity Champions programme.

4. *“What additional monies have been given to Stonewall in 2022-23? Specifically, this incorporates:*

- *Events/conferences (where, for example, your organisation has purchased tickets to attend or entered raffles or auctions organised by Stonewall). Please name any events/conferences that your organisation attended and the date attended.*
- *Other programmes (such as LGBT Leadership programme, LGBT Role Model programme, Ally and/or Trans Ally programmes, as well as Train the Trainer programmes etc).”*

No monies have been given by the NAO to Stonewall in relation to any event/conference, programme or other activity in 2022-23.

Annex B

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI@nao.org.uk or by post to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Alternatively, you can contact the ICO at <https://ico.org.uk/> or Information Commissioner’s Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.