



Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
18 December 2019
Our ref: 5849732

Thank you for your request received on 2 December 2019, for the following information:

Dear Sir/Madam

I am making the following request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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.**

Yours faithfully

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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1,999 properties are in receipt of Retail Discount in relation to the 2019/20 financial 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.

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The Council currently expects to grant Retail Discount relief equating to £5,733,507 for the 2019/20 financial year

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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