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A list of business rates credits you currently hold on business rates accounts that are live and those which have been closed and when the company moved out of the premises. The below points are what I would like to request:

- The name of the rate payer
- The start date of the business rates account
- If the account is still live or the date it ended
- The full property address of the property with the credit on
- The date /year of when the credit was created
- The full amount of credit you hold for the business

There is a credit report available on the Council website: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/business-rates/non-domestic-rate-charges-201920?documentId=12512&categoryId=20020>

However, the above report does not contain the start date of the accounts, nor does it confirm whether they are live or closed.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with this detailed information as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing you with the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.

Section 12(1) of the Act does not oblige a Scottish public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the statutory limit.

The total cost of complying with your request is £1,342.5.

This sum has been calculated as follows:

The report containing the information you have requested has 2685 lines and collating the information you require from this would entail going through each line separately. At approximately 2 minutes to check each line, it would take approximately 5,370 minutes (89.5 hours) to collate the information.

At £15 an hour for staff to perform this task (which is the highest rate we are able to charge), the cost comes to £1,342.5.

2685 lines x 2 minutes per line = 5,370 minutes
5,370 minutes / 60 minutes = 89.5 hours
89.5 hours x £15 per hr = £1,342.5