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Ref: HOLAC FOI 2025/3
19 February 2025

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request, which the House of Lords Appointments Commission (HOLAC) received on 3 February 2025.

You asked:

- 1) *In each of the last 10 years how many Lords applications have come from the agency 'Awards Intelligence' (<https://www.awardsintelligence.co.uk/>)?*
- 2) *Please can you provide me with the names of the applicants they have put forward?*
- 3) *Please can you tell me if these applications were successful or rejected, and if so on what grounds were they rejected.*
- 4) *Have representatives from the Committee had any meetings with or received hospitality from representatives from 'Awards Intelligence'?*

The Commission has not received any application from Awards Intelligence. While there may have been cases that they have provided input on, the Commission is not made aware of this, and the applications are submitted by individuals themselves. While we are unable to prevent people using fee-charging agencies to assist them in making an application, I would direct you to the following text on the Commission's website:

"The Commission does not endorse the use of any fee-charging agency (such as Awards Intelligence) to support the completion of nomination forms. We do not consider this a necessary or appropriate route to seeking appointment, nor do we believe it provides any discernible advantage to applicants."

In answer to your final question, no representatives of the Commission have met with or received hospitality from representatives from Awards Intelligence.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may write to the Secretary to the Commission to ask for an internal review by another person not involved with this request. Please note that we will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by HOLAC.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely,

Secretariat to the House of Lords Appointments Commission