



05 March 2024

Freedom of Information Request - Reference: F25-001

Dear Mr. Allinson

Thank you for your email of 11 February 2025. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'FOI Act').

Request

You requested the following information:

- 1) Please may you confirm the numbers and locations of gas boilers and heat pumps on the parliamentary estate?*
- 2) Please may you share what the feasibility work so far revealed or concluded on the use of gas boilers? and on the use of heat pumps?*
- 3) Particularly, in regard to (2), will a gas boiler be the only heating solution in any part of the parliamentary estate?*

Our Response

We hold some of the information you have requested.

- 1) Please may you confirm the numbers and locations of gas boilers and heat pumps on the parliamentary estate?*

Predominantly, the Palace of Westminster is currently heated by three dual fuel gas/oil steam boilers and modular gas boilers generating domestic hot water.

The Delivery Authority does not hold details on gas boilers and heat pumps installed across the wider Parliamentary Estate. For this information, you may wish to contact the Houses of Parliament on: foicommmons@parliament.uk & foilords@parliament.uk.

- 2) Please may you share what the feasibility work so far revealed or concluded on the use of gas boilers? and on the use of heat pumps?*



In line with the Houses of Parliament's Environmental Policy and sustainability ambitions, the Delivery Authority has undertaken work to look at sustainable heating solutions for the Palace of Westminster.

The Delivery Authority's early concept design work on the Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster has concluded that that is feasible for the Palace's future energy needs to be served via electric energy sources, including heat pumps.

The Delivery Authority does not hold details of related feasibility work conducted across the wider Parliamentary estate. For this information, you may wish to contact the Houses of Parliament on: foicommmons@parliament.uk & foilords@parliament.uk.

3) Particularly, in regard to (2), will a gas boiler be the only heating solution in any part of the parliamentary estate?

Current early concept proposals from the Delivery Authority for the Palace of Westminster propose the removal of fossil fuel-based heating sources from the building to support Parliament's sustainability ambitions. This includes gas boilers.

It is important to note that these proposals are in an early design stage and are subject to a decision to be taken by Parliament on whether to adopt these concept proposals.

The Delivery Authority does not hold details of future design proposals for the heating systems of other buildings across the wider parliamentary estate. For this information, you may wish to contact the Houses of Parliament on: foicommmons@parliament.uk & foilords@parliament.uk.

Further Information

Information provided in this response is correct at this time, however work on the Houses of Parliament Restoration & Renewal Programme continues, and any outcomes may ultimately differ from those presented herein.

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service that you have received in relation to your request, please contact us in the first instance and we will seek to reach an informal resolution. If you remain dissatisfied, then you may ask for an internal review. If you ask for an internal review of the decision, we will acknowledge this request and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome. The following outcomes are possible:

- The original decision is upheld; or
- The original decision is reversed or modified.

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review then you should contact us within two months



of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for undertaking internal reviews and the timescale will depend upon the complexity of the matter.

We would normally endeavour to complete such reviews within 20 working days of acknowledgement, and exceptionally within 40 working days. We will keep you informed of the progress of the review. If you wish to request a review you should contact foi@r-r.org.uk. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, then you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the 'Making a Complaint' section of their website or by phone on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely

The Information Request Team