

Freedom of Information Act Request

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Subject: Workers protected by the GLA compared with the GLAA

Question(s) asked and answer(s):

How many workers were covered under the old GLA and how many are covered by the expanded GLAA?

GLAA response:

We do not hold this information. The GLAA do not routinely collect data regarding the number of UK workers covered by the work of the Gangmasters Licencing Authority (GLA) or the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA), as this is not a requirement of the licence application or its renewal. The term 'gangmaster' only has a legal meaning in relation to our licensing remit. Companies who are required to have a licence also provide workers into other sectors, so any data we have is incomplete (it is at a point in time) and imprecise because it does not cover all the workers a company supplies across the UK economy.

Under our duty to assist, it may be helpful for you to know that our Annual Report and Accounts are available on our website. The annual reports set out the activities and financial information of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority and Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority covering the financial years each have been in operation.