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Freedom of Information Request: Our Ref:- 362022 Your ref:- 12012023

Thank you for contacting CITB requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your email, dated 12th January 2023, asked for the following information:

- 1) The number of Plant Short Duration (recognised) Standards that have attracted grant claims in the following periods: -
 - 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019
 - 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020
 - 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021
 - 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022
 - 1st April 2022 – present day
- 2) The number of Plant Short Duration (recognised) Standards that have been materially externally quality assured by CITB staff in the following periods
 - 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019
 - 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020
 - 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021
 - 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022
 - 1st April 2022 – present day

The response is as follows:

- 1) The number of Plant Short Duration (recognised) Standards that have attracted grant claims in the following periods: -
 - 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019 - 269
 - 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020 - 281
 - 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021 -267
 - 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022 -308
 - 1st April 2022 – present day -278 (to 22/12/22)
- 2) The number of Plant Short Duration (recognised) Standards that have been materially externally quality assured by CITB staff in the following periods
 - 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019 -None
 - 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020- None
 - 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021- 2
 - 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022- 3
 - 1st April 2022 – present day- 3



CITB does not carry out quality assurance for recognised standards, the expectation is that the organisation that has given approval to deliver their product will quality assure the ATO. Initial approval requires the ATO to share their current quality assurance status and evidence their good standing. This can be done through EV reports for the particular product as well as a requirement to inform CITB of any changes to their organisation including quality issues.

CITB has carried out assurance work that led to notifications to the recognised organisations for 8 centres where malpractice/maladministration or fraud was suspected. This work was carried out in line with paragraph 26 of the Requirements for Approved Training Organisations document. A copy of this document can be accessed on the CITB website via the following link: -

<https://www.citb.co.uk/media/abihs3et/rato-january-2023.pdf>

If you are unhappy with this response, or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting Adrian Beckingham, Corporate Performance Director, CITB, Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Peterborough, PB2 8TY or email adrian.beckingham@citb.co.uk.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioners website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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