



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information request – CA231
Information not held.

Thank you for your request for information which was received on Friday 12 May 2023. The response is given below:

Request

Electric vehicles are driving the demand for batteries which in turn is driving the demand for cobalt. The Democratic Republic of CDRC cobalt mines are widely reported to use slave like working conditions and child sla

- 1) Please can you confirm who supplies the batteries for electric buses purchased by the council.
- 2) Please can you confirm whether your bus batteries use cobalt sourced from the DRC.
- 3) If they do use cobalt from the DRC how does that comply with your governance policies around modern slavery and child slavery?
- 4) Have you used central government funding or local government funding (taxpayer money) to pay for electric buses with batteries containing cobalt from the DRC?
- 5) Does your procurement process include steps to protect against procuring products made by child slaves?
- 6) What is the EV industry doing to stop child slavery in its supply chain and what role is your council playing in this?

Response

Buses are not owned by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. We do not hold the information requested.

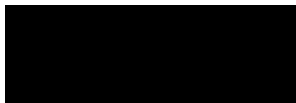
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I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address: democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, 2nd Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3TN within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

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Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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