

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

May 3, 2018

Lolly Tooley
via the FOI website

Dear Lolly Tooley,

regarding your Freedom of Information request titled “panties” we collected the following information:

Panties in American English (typically called knickers in British English) are a form of underwear worn by women. Panties are most often form-fitting, but may also be loose. Typical components include an elastic waistband, a crotch panel to cover the genital area (usually lined with absorbent material such as cotton), and a pair of leg openings that, like the waistband, are often made of elastic. Various materials are used, but are usually chosen to be breathable. Panties were originally designed to cover the entire lower half of the female torso, since the 1970s panties have had either no legs or, in some cases, very short ones, and have become increasingly brief over time.

Sincerely,

John Smith
FOI Manager