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Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail enquiry of 22nd March 2012 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) about office machinery consumables incurred by DECC Whitehall staff.

I have provided a response (in italics) to each item you specifically asked for:

1) Total annual spending for the last three financial years by the Department (Whitehall) on printer cartridges.

£126k (2009-10); £127k (2010-11) and £143k (2011-12)

2) The cost of an individual printer cartridge bought by the Department.

The price varies between £39.74 to £257.58 (ex VAT) depending on the model and type of printer cartridge.

3) Details of the supplier of printer cartridges to the Department.

Current supplier is XMA.

4) Total annual spending for the last three financial years by the Department on printing paper.

Expenditure on printing paper by DECC was £14k in 2011-12 and £13k (estimated) in 2010-11. For 2009-10 and the first quarter of 2010-11 expenditure on paper was not separately recorded. It is therefore not possible to provide a figure for 2009-10 and the 2010-11 figure is extrapolated from 9 months data when separate records were kept. These costs would have been subsumed within the overall amount spent on stationery.

5) The cost of a unit (box of printing paper) - details of the brand, number of sheets or weight.

The following table shows the average cost per box of paper for DECC. Please note that data on this is published in the Quarterly Data Summary which benchmarks departments' expenditure across standard items but the figures disclosed there

include DECC's Non Departmental Public Bodies who each have their own contracts.

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (to Q3)
Average price per box		
9.39	11.95	11.79

The brand used by core DECC is Banner 100% Recycled Copier Paper. It is 80g/m2 and is closed loop

6) Details of the supplier of printing paper to the Department.

The supplier is Banner.

Appeal Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the department. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely