



Our ref: 12/1746

11 January 2013

### Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 11 December 2012 requesting the following information:

*Please can you provide me with the financial details of what you spend on legal services covering the last 3 years? Can you please include both internal and external spend?*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require;
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is held by this Department.

<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
15.5 m	12.6 m	12.2 m

Information about sums above £500 paid for certain items of legal work is available on the DECC website at:

[http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/accesstoinform/expenditure/spend\\_over\\_500/spend\\_over\\_500.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/accesstoinform/expenditure/spend_over_500/spend_over_500.aspx)

### Appeals 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 Security & Information Rights Unit ([foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)).

Security & Information Rights Unit  
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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.