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Thank you for your email of 5 December 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, and following your earlier requests (Refs: 0958-16 and 1031-16). You asked:

“Would it be possible to give the best equivalent estimate for the year ending 31 March 2015?”

I can confirm that the FCO does hold information relevant to your request.

The total amount spent by FCO Legal Directorate on the legal services of both external lawyers and those of the Government Legal Department (GLD, including external legal services procured through that Department) was £2.679.311.62.

In our response of 10 December 2015 (Ref: 1113-15), we provided a figure of £1.741.489.91 for the Financial Year 2014/15. Having looked again at our records, it is not now clear to what that figure relates, and we consider that the higher amount provided in this response is the correct figure in relation to total spend on both external lawyers and GLD over that period.

Yours sincerely,

Legal Directorate



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