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Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

1. Please state how much your Department has spent on external consultants in each of the last three financial years (08/09), (09/10) and (10/11) and how much it has paid to external consultants in the first six months of the current financial year?
2. In relation to the figure for the first six months of this year please provide me with information on the three biggest single payments. This should include the amount, the company that was paid the money, the highest daily rate paid for any consultant engaged on the project, and a one/two sentence explanation of what the project was.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in the processing of your request and for any inconvenience this may have caused.

I can confirm that the department holds information within the scope of your request.

Please be aware that the devolution of policing and justice powers to the Northern Ireland Assembly took place on 12 April 2010. These functions were previously under the remit of the Northern Ireland Office, therefore devolution had a significant impact on the size, shape and structure of the department. Therefore, comparable figures for the NIO as it is now configured following the completion of devolution do not exist.

1. Consultancy Expenditure:

2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	First 6 Months of 2011/12
£346,650.55	£68,176.22	£39,384.84

2. Three Largest Transactions in First 6 Months of 2011-12

Please note that the following consultancy costs set out below are not broken down into individual rates as they relate to total costs per project or are part of ongoing costs.

Amount	Business Area	Supplier
£2,481.69	Pay Section London	LOGICA IT SERVICES UK LTD (LOG-02) -Consultancy costs for payroll services ongoing - not an individual project.
£4,800.00	Information Services	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ-01) - Consultancy costs for media monitoring - ongoing - not an individual project.
£3,000.00	Finance	CAPITA IB SOLOUTIONS IRELAND (IBS-02) Consultancy cost in association with the development of a payroll re-processor for payroll file.