

In response to an FOI request the following information was released on 9 November:

Please note that all figures have been rounded to the nearest £100.

Total cost of control orders

The total cost of control orders to the Home Office in each financial year from April 2006 is as follows:

Financial year	Total cost of control orders to the Home Office (£)
2006-2007	1,938,200
2007-2008	4,615,600
2008-2009	2,707,200
2009-2010 (to the end of August)	1,536,500

These figures include: the cost of Home Office staff working on control orders; administrative costs relating to the management of control orders; legal advice and other legal costs; accommodation, subsistence, Council Tax and utility bills and telephone line rental/ phone cards provided to controlled persons in the course of the administration of the control order; and the fees paid to Lord Carlile in his role as Independent Reviewer of the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005. Please note that the figures for 2006-2007 are based partly on estimates. These figures do not include the costs of asylum support provided to individuals subject to control orders, as these costs are not directly related to the administration of the control order and they would have been paid regardless of the control order.

The electronic monitoring of controlled individuals is delivered under a contract with the Ministry of Justice. The Home Office holds information on the cost of the electronic monitoring of controlled individuals to the Ministry of Justice from April 2007. The figures for 2007-2008 and 2009-2010 are based partly on estimates.

Financial year	Cost of electronic monitoring of control orders to the Ministry of Justice (£)
2007-2008	74,900
2008-2009	72,700
2009-2010 (to the end of August)	32,300

The Home Office does not hold information relating to the cost of electronic monitoring prior to the financial year 2007–2008. Additional information may be held by the Ministry of Justice.

The Home Office does not hold information relating to the cost of control orders to police forces, the Legal Services Commission or Her Majesty's Courts Service. These public authorities may hold the relevant information.

The Security Service is exempt as a public body from the Freedom of Information Act at section 84 of the Act.

Support and subsistence

Out of the 44 individuals ever subject to control orders, 24 individuals were, or are, in receipt of support and/or subsistence provided by the Home Office. This figure includes those individuals who have received one or more of the following: asylum support; other subsistence payments; accommodation and payment of Council Tax/ utility bills, and; telephone line rental/ phone cards. It does not include state benefits.

Since the commencement of the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 in March 2005 until the end of August 2009, the Home Office has spent £656,500 on providing individuals subject to control orders with asylum support, subsistence (including payments and accommodation), the payment of Council Tax bills and other necessary utilities, telephone line rental and phone cards, including VAT. A small proportion of the total is based on estimated costs rather than exact costs. The additional cost of controlled persons for the taxpayer/ Government in respect of accommodation and subsistence payments is significantly lower than this headline figure given that many would have received support or accommodation with or without the control order being imposed upon them. In addition, to further contextualise the headline figure, based on the total number of control orders ever in force (44), this total would equate to each individual having received approximately £65 per person per week (though of course the support/subsistence etc was not spread evenly and not all the individuals have been subject to an order since March 2005 when the legislation came into force).

Where individuals who are subject to control orders are in receipt of, or eligible for, state benefits or asylum support this eligibility will not be affected by the imposition of a control order. Therefore, where individuals have received state benefits or asylum support, they would have been in receipt of this had they not been subject to a control order.

Individuals subject to control orders are not routinely required to move from their current residence, therefore if they were eligible and living in local authority housing prior to their control order being served, they would not routinely be required to move from that residence. However, where it is assessed as necessary for the purpose of protecting the public from the risk of terrorism, the individuals subject to a control order may be housed elsewhere. In such a scenario, the Home Office may provide suitable accommodation and the payment of council tax and utilities for that new property in order to ensure that the individual is not put at a financial disadvantage as a result of their relocation. Therefore, these accommodation costs are included in the figure above.

In addition to the telephone line rental included in the figure above, some individuals subject to control orders are required to be monitored electronically as part of the conditions of their order. Electronic monitoring may require a

dedicated telephone line in the subject's residence. Where a controlled individual is tagged, the monitoring company may install and maintain an additional telephone line (solely for the purposes of the tag). Where this is necessary, the costs of such a telephone line are paid by the relevant monitoring company as part of their contractual agreement with the Ministry of Justice. These costs are included within the electronic monitoring figures provided above.

The Home Office does not hold information on the total amount of state benefits received by all persons who have been subject to control orders. Information regarding some state benefits may be held by the Department of Work and Pensions. This includes but is not limited to benefits administered by Jobcentre Plus and the Disability and Carer's Service. Information regarding other benefits (such as Tax Credits) may be held by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. The Home Office does not hold information on the total amount of housing support received by all persons who have been subject to control orders. Additional information may be held by the Department of Communities and Local Government.