

As your request was made so close to the end of the financial year 2005/6 some of the figures we are able to provide relate to the entire year rather than for the period up to the date of your request.

1. What was the Authority's aggregate spending on internal legal advisers for the Request Period for each financial year or part year?

Internal legal advice to the Home Office ministers and officials is provided by the legal staff of the Home Office Legal Adviser's Branch, which is composed of 50 lawyers and 18 support staff. The composite amount spent by the Branch on pay costs, training, travel, library and office supplies and services in the relevant years are shown below. I regret that our records do not differentiate between lawyers and support staff; the figures are for the whole directorate.

Financial year 2003/4	Financial year 2004/5	Financial Year 2005/6
£3,422, 000	£3, 648, 000	£3,930,947

Notes: these figures **do not** include office accommodation costs, IT or telephony provision or similar 'overhead' costs which are met centrally. They **do** include membership of the appropriate professional body, continual professional development, tax and NI contributions, parental and disability leave, sick leave and employers' pension contributions.

2. What was the Authority's aggregate spending on external legal advisers for the Request Period for each financial year or part year?

The Department's Performance and Finance Directorate has produced the following figures using the legacy accounting application (Bass) and the present application (Adelphi).

Legal Fees			
Sharpe Public Relations: FOI request			
	2003-04	Apr-04	
BASS data			
E245	11,499,975.05	344,976.44	
Adelphi Data		May 04-Mar 05	Provisional 05-06

Admin 72519		17,236,522.67	5,233,606.29
Program 72556			13,263,367.21
		<u>17,236,522.67</u>	<u>18,496,973.50</u>
Total	11,499,975.05	17,581,499.11	18,496,973.50

Notes:

1. The Adelphi Enterprise Resource Planning application was introduced one month into the financial year 04/05, when the Department moved to an accruals-based accounting system. Unfortunately we do not hold further information that could supply details in a reasonably searchable form.
2. The figures for 05/6 are provisional as the books for the year had not been closed for adjustments when the report was run.
3. Figures relate to core Department and IND only. They exclude Home Office executive agencies like the Passport Agency and the Criminal Records Bureau, and Non-departmental Public Bodies.

3. What fees were billed by each law firm or barristers' chambers to the Authority in aggregate both for each financial year or part year and for each of the categories maintained by the Office of Government Commerce for its L-Cat panels in each financial year or part year?

The Performance and Finance Directorate has been unable to provide figures to answer this. It is not held in the form requested. The Legal Adviser's Branch holds the following financial information locally, which was supplied by the OGC to our Commercial and Employment legal team some time ago. It relates only to some of The external work done on commercial matters. As you see we do not hold all the information that you requested, nor do we have it in the format you have asked for.

Sav_Cust_Dim	Home Office
Sav_Scheme_Dimension	LCAT

		Data
Financial Year	Supplier Name	Invoice Value
2004/2005	Beachcroft Wansbroughs Solicitors	£11,081.20
	Bird & Bird	£87,833.51
	DLA	£3,120.00
	Field Fisher Waterhouse	£833,443.19
	Masons	£13,406.42

	Pinsents Mason	£35,914.39
2004/2005 Total		£984,798.71
2005/2006	Bird & Bird	£83,658.49
	Field Fisher Waterhouse	£714,392.37
	Pinsents Mason	£26,875.90
	Veale Wasbrough Lawyers	£1,688.00
2005/2006 Total		£826,614.76
Grand Total		£1,811,413.47