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I write in relation to your email and your request for the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

- 1. The total spending on equalities and diversity schemes/initiatives in your office for each of the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12)***
- 2. The total amount of your equalities/diversity expenditure that was spent on issues/schemes/initiatives relating specifically to race (racial equality in the work place or any other race relations issues) for each of the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12)***

If any similar Freedom of Information requests have been made, I would be grateful if you could include your responses to them in your answer.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

As you may be aware, 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. Since devolution, the NIO now aligns with the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) and participates in any MOJ diversity / equality events, as appropriate

1. Since 12 April 2010 the Northern Ireland Office has spent £38 for a staff Diversity Awareness event which took place in July 2010. No further expenditure has occurred since that date.



2. There has been no expenditure on issues/schemes/initiatives relating to race issues since April 2010.
3. I have conducted a thorough search for previous NIO Freedom of Information responses by using the terms relating to and outlined within your request, 'equalities/diversity spending and expenditure' and 'racial equality, issues/schemes/initiatives.' This search has not identified any previous requests falling within scope of your request.

You may wish to know that the Department publishes annual reports on the implementation of its equality duties on the Northern Ireland Office website. The reports can be found using the following link:

<http://www.nio.gov.uk/index/nio-publication/nio-pubs-search/results.htm?category=&keyword=section+75&order=date>

