

OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE GENERAL

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Date: 25/07/13

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your FOI request detailed below.

"I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act. I am looking for information about pest control at department buildings. Specifically, could you please provide me with the following details:

1. How much money has been spent on pest control over the past three years, up to and including July 2013? Please could you break this down year by year and by building. In each case of spending, please could you provide details of what pest control service was provided and name the company used if applicable. For example, removal of pigeon droppings, dealing with foxes and rabbits, or mice and rats etc.
2. If there is a list kept of the number of rodent sightings – including mice and rats – please could you provide this information for the past three years, up to and including July 2013? If possible, please could you provide a monthly breakdown. Also, please could you breakdown the information by building.

Some parts of this request may be easier to answer than others, and should this prove to be the case I would ask that you release available data as soon as possible rather than hold up the entire request.

If FOI requests of a similar nature have already been asked could you also please include your responses to those requests."

I am writing to inform you that OAG does not hold the information you have requested.

Our two offices are in Victoria Quay, Edinburgh and Dover House, London. Pest control in Victoria Quay is the responsibility of the Scottish Government, and in Dover House is the responsibility of Scotland Office. You should contact them for any information on pest control. Links to their websites are:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/About/Information/FOI>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/scotland-office>

If you are dissatisfied with the treatment of your request, you can ask OAG to conduct an internal review of its decision. The internal review will be conducted by someone other than the person who took the initial decision. Requests for internal review should be addressed to the Information Officer, Office of the Solicitor to the Advocate General, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.

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Yours sincerely

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