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Email only

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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Personal injury compensation

Thank you for your request for information about '*the number of cases and total sum of personal injury compensation paid out to employees of the Department within the last 12 months and 5 years*' which we received on 14 January 2014. As you know we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We are able to provide you with the following details:

Total Number of Personal Injury cases opened (Defra and Executive Agencies)		Compensation paid
1/1/2013 – 31/12/2013	15	Total £74,311.92
1/1/2008 – 31/12/2012	32	See below (information not available within cost limits)

We want to be as open as possible in answering requests. The FOIA itself also requires us to help people obtain the information they are looking for. Unfortunately, some of information you have requested is very substantial, and gathering it together would involve a significant cost and diversion of resources from the Department's other work.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows us to refuse a request for information if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit, which currently stands at £600. On the basis of our estimates (as this information is not held centrally and a very comprehensive search of legal records would be required), we consider that the cost would exceed this limit and, as such, we are refusing part of your request.

Please note that if you modify your request, we will handle it as a new request and so the 20-working-day deadline for responding to requests would then commence from the date that we receive the modified request.



I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact us.

Yours

Defra Estates

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Annex

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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