

**We were asked:**

**Q:** How many Christmas trees (real or artificial) did the department purchase last year (calendar year 2012) for display on the department's premises? ("Christmas trees" to be defined in the traditional sense, i.e. real or artificial fir trees used for traditional festive decorative purposes)?

**We replied:**

**A:** The Wales Office purchased two Christmas trees in 2012 - one for our London office and one for our Cardiff office.

**We were asked:**

**Q:** Of the Christmas trees purchased, what was the total cost to the department of each tree as invoiced by the supplier?

**We replied:**

**A:** The cost of the Christmas trees was £72 for the London office and £70 for the Cardiff office.

**We were asked:**

**Q:** Were any of these Christmas trees purchased using a dedicated e-procurement platform, as opposed to a traditional paper-based invoicing process?

**We replied:**

**A:** The Christmas trees were purchased using the traditional paper based invoicing process.

**We were asked:**

**Q:** How many of the aforementioned Christmas trees purchased for the Department's premises were disposed of after use, as opposed to being stored for future use?

**We replied:**

**A:** Both Christmas trees were real and disposed of.