

# OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE GENERAL

the UK Government's Scottish Legal Team

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your FOI request, where you asked:

“1: Please could you provide me with an indication of the department’s total spend on legal counsel for each of the following financial years:

- 2012-13
- 2011-12
- 2010-11

2: Please break down each year’s spend categorised to the finest level of detail available within your budget (ex. legal spend in relation to property, staff etc.). I would prefer to get the information via email and, if possible, in Microsoft Excel friendly format.

Thank you very much in advance”.

We have now completed our search for information. The Office of the Advocate General may, on occasion, use the services of legal counsel to provide advice in relation to court actions in Scotland on behalf of UK Government departments. This may include attendance at court. The cost to the Office of the Advocate General for these services in the years requested is as follows:

2012-13	£74,106.44
2011-12	£54,425.80
2010-11	£80,065.00

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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[http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom\\_of\\_information.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom_of_information.aspx) or by writing to  
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9  
5AF.

Yours sincerely

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