

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Cost awards in trade mark disputes

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**Information request:**

The level of cost awards that arise in trade mark disputes (oppositions, invalidity actions, and other *inter parte* proceedings). All I need are the case references, party names, successful party name, and the costs awarded to that party.

**Information released:**

Each decision published on the Government website includes an award of costs and the decisions can be searched case by case or browsed year by year at: <https://www.ipo.gov.uk/t-challenge-decision-results.htm> .

You may also be interested to know that we publish guidance on setting levels of costs which is issued to hearing officers.

The guidance is currently being re-written, in order to better serve unrepresented applicants, but the practice currently followed is available on The National Archives collection of websites at: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/tna/20140603093547/http://www.ipo.gov.uk/pro-types/pro-tm/t-law/t-tpn/t-tpn-2007/t-tpn-42007.htm> .