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REFERENCE: 16FOI 116

You requested the following information:

The number of fruitless* payments in excess of £30,000 made by or paid for by your department in the following financial years: 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016.

- 2) What each payment was for**
- 3) The value of each payment**
- 4) The reason why the payment was made**
- 5) The reason why the payment was classified as fruitless**
- 6) Whether any disciplinary action was taken as a result of the payment (If there was any disciplinary action, please specify what the action was)**

I am requesting this information in an electronic format, preferably in table form.

***Defined as 'a payment for which liability ought not to have been incurred, or where the demand for the goods and service in question could have been cancelled in time to avoid liability.'**

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Wales Office did not make any fruitless payments in those years.