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How much is currently being spent on funding the operations of the DWP press office.

DWP response

The table below shows spend in each of the last five complete financial years for the DWP Press Office:

Financial Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Spend (£)	3,438,193	3,415,393	3,319,638	3,259,102	2,604,076
Reduction (%)	0.0%	0.7%	3.4%	5.2%	24.3%

These figures show a continuous reduction in the funding of the DWP Press Office over the five year period of almost 25%. This is in line with the Department's commitment to reduce costs where possible.