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Information request

I wish to request you reveal information of how much government ministers have spent on the "Poundland" gate affair.

The recent court ruling found the decision was unlawful but a government spokesman said any rebates would not be paid out until every legal avenue had been exhausted " However the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) said it would not be paying out money until all legal avenues had been exhausted." If the DWP is to go to the supreme court because it won't accept the courts refusal for it to appeal, then I wish to know (under the FOI act) the exact cost of the legal proceedings and administration costs involved so far in this case.

Once I receive the information I will publish it to the public domain ;-)

DWP response

The information that you have requested in relation to the administration costs involved so far in the case is not available as this information is not recorded.

I can however, confirm that the most up to date figure we hold for external legal spend on the Reilly/Wilson case is £24,402 including vat.

This mainly consists of barristers fees.