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You requested the following information:

- 1) How many away days/ team building exercises has the department had since January 1, 2014?
- 2) How many civil servants from your department have taken part in away days/ team building exercises since January 1, 2014?
- 3) How much money has your department spent on away days/ team building exercises since January 1, 2014?
- 4) Which companies were used to provide the away days/ team building exercises and what was the nature of the activity?

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

- A1) There have been two all staff events since 1 January 2014 at which staff considered forward priorities for the Department and improving ways of working.
- A2) 38 civil servants attended in 2014 and 36 in 2015
- A3) £319 was spent on the 2014 event and £339.63 on the 2015 event.
- A4) No external companies were used to provide the events.