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Dear

By email:

# **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Payments to Stonewall**

Thank you for your request for information of 6 June 2021 about payments to Stonewall by Defra and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

Please advise:

- 1. What payments, if any, you made to Stonewall (officially Stonewall Equality Limited) in the financial year 2019/20.
- 2. What payments, if any, you made to Stonewall (officially Stonewall Equality Limited) in the financial year 2020/21.
- 3. What payments, if any, you expect to make to Stonewall (officially Stonewall Equality Limited) in the current financial year.

The information you have requested is set out in the following table.

(£)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Defra	3,618	0	6,300
APHA	0	0	0

Note that planned expenditure for 2021/22 may not actually happen.

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We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Team InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk

#### Annex A

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