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Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Money Spent on Working from Home Equipment

Thank you for your request for information of 3 May 2022 about money spent on working from home equipment. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

Please send information on the amount of money spent to date since 19 January 2022 by your department on equipment to help civil servants work from home and itemise what that money was spent on (number of desks, chairs etc.).

Annex C below sets out the items purchased for home working and their cost from 19 January to 3 May 2022. Please note that the list does not include laptops, as these would be provided to all staff irrespective of their working location. It also does not include broadband as staff are not eligible to claim for this cost.

Please also note that due to the sudden need to work from home due to Covid-19, Defra implemented a policy whereby staff could claim up to £150 for home working equipment purchased. In a limited number of instances staff needed to spend above this amount. Reasons for this include a special need identified by a workstation assessment and equipment for people with a temporary or permanent disability. There were also shortages of particular homeworking equipment items meaning that the cheaper models were out of stock.

Information disclosed in response to this FOIA request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

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 the address below.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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Annex B

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 11 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Andrew Mobsby, Head of Information Rights via email at InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our website.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted using the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/>

Annex C

Items purchased for home working and their cost from 19 January to 3 May 2022.

Amount (£)	Item(s)
436.37	2 monitors, cables, monitor stand, keyboard
6.89	Adaptor
13.00	Cable protector
7.80	Cables
5.41	Cables
24.99	Cables
29.99	Cables
5.07	Cables
9.99	Cables
14.44	Cables
8.95	Case
135.99	Chair
99.00	Chair
189.00	Chair
86.99	Chair
150.00	Chair
84.82	Chair
49.99	Chair
122.95	Chair
74.09	Chair
139.99	Chair
150.00	Chair
150.00	Chair
150.00	Chair
120.00	Chair
150.00	Chair
49.99	Chair
105.00	Chair
135.99	Chair
74.99	Chair
150.00	Chair
131.99	Chair
80.00	Chair
150.00	Chair
97.98	Chair
150.00	Chair
36.99	Chair
150.00	Chair
127.49	Chair
134.99	Chair
139.99	Chair

84.99	Chair
129.99	Chair
79.99	Chair
80.00	Chair
82.99	Chair
73.50	Chair
150.00	Chair
150.00	Chair
133.99	Chair
105.00	Chair
58.80	Chair
99.00	Chair
56.99	Chair
150.00	Chair
150.00	Chair and desk
150.00	Chair and desk
116.63	Chair and foot stool
208.99	Chair and laptop stand
30.00	Charger
43.94	Desk
189.99	Desk
144.95	Desk
150.00	Desk
150.00	Desk
89.99	Desk
82.99	Desk
24.00	Desk
100.00	Desk
35.00	Desk
51.00	Desk
150.00	Desk
50.00	Desk
8.78	Desk
150.00	Desk
73.99	Desk
100.00	Desk
150.00	Desk and chair
137.98	Desk and chair
150.00	Desk and chair
448.00	Desk and sensory mat
37.84	Desk mat and cables
23.66	Desk Riser
99.99	Desk Riser
136.00	Desk, chair and lamp
444.00	Ergonomic chair
28.99	Footrest

35.99	Footrest
29.90	Footrest
49.98	Footrest and laptop stand
20.24	Footrest
22.99	Footrest
20.99	Keyboard and mouse
29.99	Keyboard
9.42	Keyboard
21.91	Keyboard
13.00	Keyboard
17.99	Keyboard
19.99	Keyboard
28.99	Keyboard
8.00	Keyboard
21.31	Keyboard & laptop stand
31.88	Keyboard and laptop stand
21.90	Keyboard and mouse
19.99	Keyboard and mouse
19.99	Keyboard and mouse
47.99	Keyboard and mouse
21.75	Keyboard and mouse
35.99	Keyboard and mouse
29.99	Keyboard and mouse
12.77	Keyboard and mouse
122.81	Keyboard and mouse, dual monitor stand, foot rest and laptop riser
27.69	Keyboard case
31.99	Keyboard set
10.58	Keyboard wrist support
9.46	Keyboard wrist support
26.77	Lamp
12.99	Lamp
28.99	Lamp
24.99	Lamp
7.99	Lamp
66.57	Lamp and cables
17.99	Laptop riser
19.99	Laptop riser
25.00	Laptop riser
12.98	Laptop riser
29.99	Laptop riser
13.99	Laptop sleeve
36.99	Laptop stand
26.99	Laptop stand
14.95	Laptop stand
13.99	Laptop stand
16.96	Laptop stand

25.99	Laptop stand
13.99	Laptop stand
15.53	Laptop stand
11.99	Laptop stand
39.09	Laptop stand
128.00	Monitor
150.00	Monitor
99.99	Monitor
119.99	Monitor
44.95	Monitor
150.00	Monitor
109.00	Monitor
125.99	Monitor
87.98	Monitor
128.50	Monitor
139.99	Monitor
150.98	Monitor
130.29	Monitor
109.00	Monitor
109.99	Monitor
139.00	Monitor
109.00	Monitor
150.00	Monitor
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99.99	Monitor
46.99	Monitor
119.00	Monitor
119.99	Monitor
149.00	Monitor
143.98	Monitor
109.99	Monitor
150.00	Monitor
128.80	Monitor
109.99	Monitor
150.00	Monitor
139.99	Monitor
89.99	Monitor
142.93	Monitor
107.99	Monitor
139.00	monitor
149.97	Monitor
299.00	Monitor
249.00	Monitor
109.00	Monitor
109.00	Monitor

129.00	Monitor
119.00	Monitor
141.39	Monitor
119.00	Monitor
150.00	Monitor
109.99	Monitor
55.99	Monitor
119.99	Monitor
150.00	Monitor
124.00	Monitor
150.00	Monitor
139.99	Monitor
119.99	Monitor
139.39	Monitor
139.99	Monitor
109.99	Monitor
114.00	Monitor
264.95	Monitor
114.99	Monitor
144.99	Monitor and cables
25.16	Monitor privacy screen
12.05	Monitor stand
13.99	Monitor stand
25.00	Monitor stand
19.19	Monitor stand
147.98	Monitor, keyboard, cables
125.38	Monitor, keyboard, mouse
146.98	Monitor, keyboard and stand
143.47	monitor, keyboard, cable, extension lead
268.97	Monitor, stand, keyboard, mouse and cable
7.50	Mouse
5.99	Mouse
9.99	Mouse
15.99	Mouse
44.99	Mouse and Keyboard
17.99	Mouse and Keyboard
5.99	Mouse mat
59.81	Printer ink
279.00	Specialist chair
89.99	Wireless Keyboard