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By email: [REDACTED]

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FOI 23/960

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request made under the Freedom of Information Act 20023 on, 07 December 2023, where you asked for:

“I am writing to make a free of charge, open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Could you please send me the following information:

- What is your spend with external law firms (please provide for the last 4 financial years)?
- Do you use eBilling technology to manage your law firms billing (e.g. systems such as Legal Tracker, Brightflag, Apperio, CT Tymatrix, Mitrates etc.)?
- Who is your head of legal / general counsel (please provide email address)?
- Do you have a law firm panel / preferred supplier list / use a framework to buy your external law firm services? Please provide details where possible.

Could you please return the information to me via email?”

**Our Response**

I can confirm that MHRA holds the information that you have requested.



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- What is your spend with external law firms (please provide for the last 4 financial years)?

Year	GLD (£'000)	CPS (£'000)	Other (£'000)	Total (£'000)
2020/21	1,320	82	261	1,663
2021/22	1,200	238	209	1,647
2022/23	1,594	45	85	1,724
2023/24 (to Nov23)	849	0	4	852

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We do not use e-billing technology.

- Who is your head of legal / general counsel (please provide email address)?

MHRA does not have a head of legal/general counsel. Legal services are provided primarily by Government Legal Department. Email: [thetreasury solicitor@governmentlegal.gov.uk](mailto:thetreasury solicitor@governmentlegal.gov.uk)

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If GLD cannot provide the services we utilise Crown Commercial Services framework: Legal Services Panel.

If you have a query about the information provided, please reply to this email

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date you receive this response and addressed to: [info@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:info@mhra.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:



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Yours sincerely,

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