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Dear

Thank you for your request received on 19 March 2024 addressed to the Government Legal Department (GLD).

## Response

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, GLD can confirm that it does hold the information you have requested.

GLD is aware that you have also asked the Home Office for the following:

*How much has been spent in legal costs associated with the following case? Please provide any detailed breakdown available.*

*The case reference is: AA & Others v SSHD AC-2023-LON-001561 and HT & Others v SSHD AC-2023-LON-001649. It case relates to a judicial review application by two groups of asylum seekers seeking an Article 3 ECHR compliant inquiry into events at the Manston short term holding facility.*

GLD understands that the Home Office has provided you with a response. Under s21 of the Act, even though GLD does hold the information, because you already have the requested information, GLD does not need to provide you with this again.

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 of receipt of the response to your original correspondence. Please use the contact details provided at the top of this letter in order to request an internal review relating to your original request.

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

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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SK9 5AF  
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Yours sincerely,

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