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Dear

Thank you for your email of 08 June 2024 which contained your request for information. The Government Legal Department ("GLD") have processed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act")

Request

Annex A contains the questions posed to the Government Legal Department as part of FOI 24_561

1. *Year of Creation/Launch/Establishment?*
2. *Your Annual Budget?*
3. *Other Revenue received but not from government?*
4. *Fiscal Powers: Yes/No*
5. *Regulatory Powers: Yes/No*
6. *Do you sponsor other Public Bodies: Yes/No, if yes who?*
7. *Number of permanent staff?*
8. *Number of temporary staff (including part timers)?*
9. *Number of contractors employed?*

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a) of the Act GLD informs you that it holds the information you have requested. Your questions are numbered 1 to 9 and are contained with Annex A. We have answered your questions in the same order, with answer 1 relating to question 1, and so on.

1. The Government Legal Department was created in 2015. For further information on GLD's history, please visit the GLD website and the gov.uk website where this information is available.
2. For 2023 -24, GLD's budget was £282m
3. All income is received from governmental and related bodies
4. GLD does not have fiscal powers
5. GLD does not have regulatory powers
6. GLD does not sponsor any public bodies

For questions 7 -9 inclusive, this information is exempt from disclosure as it is reasonably accessible by other means. In using the Section 21 exemption, GLD is relying on Section 21(2)(b) as there is a legal obligation to make a copy of this information available to members of the public. GLD publishes workforce information on a regular basis as part of its transparency publication obligations.

This information can be found [here \(https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/workforce-management-information-for-gld-ago-and-hmcpsi\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/workforce-management-information-for-gld-ago-and-hmcpsi). Further information can also be found in GLD's Annual Report and Accounts, [here \(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6481998fb32b9e000ca963d7/HM_Procurator_General_and_Treasury_Solicitor_Annual_Report_and_Accounts_2022-23.pdf\)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6481998fb32b9e000ca963d7/HM_Procurator_General_and_Treasury_Solicitor_Annual_Report_and_Accounts_2022-23.pdf).

Your Rights

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:

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Yours sincerely,

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