

**Reference: 2025-028**

Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

**I am writing to request further information on the SFO's plans to move its offices to Canary Wharf.**

- 1. Please provide minutes of meetings and/or any similar communications in which the decision to roll back on the move was discussed.**
- 2. Please provide copies of correspondence to and from the attorney-general signing off on the decision.**
- 3. Please detail any spending to date on preparing for the move and the amount that will now be spent on internal systems instead.**

### **Response**

#### **Question 1 & 2**

Please see Annex 1 contains information from a meeting note between the Law Officer Departments (LoDs) representatives and the Attorney General's Office (AGO) and Annex 2 containing information in an Executive Committee meeting in relation to the Spending Review.

#### **Question 3**

£222,236 was spent in preparation for the move. Further information on funding the SFO secured is here: [Fraud crackdown as government provides funding to SFO - GOV.UK](#).

**Annex 1**  
**Extracts from an email from the AGO to SFO and other Law Officers' Departments (LODs)**  
**[22/10/2024]**

[REDACTED]

Following discussions today, the AG has indicated that he is allocating the additional £80m for 2025/26 accordingly:

- the SFO to receive funding for [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. As discussed at the meeting, this allocation would mean decisions will be needed on accommodation in the immediate term and the move will not be funded.

[...]

Additionally, [REDACTED] please could you confirm whether the £3.87M allocated to the Canary Wharf move in SR Phase 1 can be reallocated to other budget lines.

**Annex 2**  
**Extract from the Executive Committee meeting [28/10/2024]**

**3.1 Spending review.**

1. The AG decided that the SFO accommodation move was not justifiable when compared to other demands across the Law Officer Departments, and accordingly the proposed move will not happen as planned. The SFO will consider how we can spend some of this year's allocated money - £3.97m - on improving Cockspur Street, initially for those working in the sub-basement.
2. [REDACTED]