



Government Legal Department

Operations
102 Petty France
Westminster
London
SW1H 9GL

+44 (0)20 7210 3000
FOI@governmentlegal.gov.uk
www.gov.uk/gld

Ref No: FOI 25_142

12 August 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15th July 2025 containing your request for information. The Government Legal Department ("GLD") have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act", "FOIA")

Request

Please provide all invoices for lawyers working on Afghan super injunction. This does not include duplicates etc. Also, any barrister fee notes.

You subsequently clarified: you also wanted to know the total costs.

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a), GLD confirms that it holds the information you have requested and is providing you with total costs up to the date of your request broken down as per the table below.

This is also a partial refusal notice, the GLD are refusing your request for copies of invoices pursuant to the cost limit exemption contained within the FOI Act. Section 12(1) makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where it estimates the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for GLD is set at £600, which represents the cost of one person spending 24 hours, at a rate of £25 per hour, determining whether the Information is held, locating, extracting, and preparing the information for disclosure.

Our billing system is unable to run an automated report to isolate invoices you have requested. To locate the information you have requested would require a manual search of our billing system which would exceed the costs limit.

In accordance with s16 FOI Act and the duty to provide advice and assistance, please consider refining and narrowing the scope of your request by subject matter and or date range.

The GLD is not obliged to consider a substantially similar request from the same person unless a reasonable interval has lapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

Billing Date: August 2023 to 15 July 2025

Time and Charges Inc. VAT	Disbursements Inc. VAT	Total Billed Inc. VAT
1,816,288.62	598,624.68	2,414,913.30

Your Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask GLD for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted to GLD 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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ICO.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team
Operations, Government Legal Department
102 Petty France, Westminster
London, SW1H 9GL
FOI@governmentlegal.gov.uk