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Dear

Thank you for your email of 16th 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

On 15th July 2025, a super-injunction that had been obtained by the government was discharged.

The super-injunction was obtained on 1st September 2023 which prevented the disclosure of "(a) the fact of the release by someone working for the UK Government of a dataset containing personal information and contact details of persons who applied for relocation to the UK from Afghanistan following the Taliban coup in 2021; and (b) the existence of the injunction itself."

(1) In total, please state how much the government spent on obtaining the super-injunction, as well as how much it has spent on subsequent proceedings about the super-injunction.

Please also provide the following information:

- (2) Please state how much money was spent on solicitors.
- (3) Please state how much was spent on outside counsel / barristers fees.

If you feel that a substantive response to this request is not possible within a reasonable time frame, I would be grateful if you could contact me and provide assistance as to how I can refine the request. If you need any clarification, please contact me. I look forward to receiving a response in 20 working days

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a), GLD confirms that it holds the information you have requested as set out below.

GLD only holds information on cases that we have been instructed on. Costs data includes time spent on the case, any disbursement incurred, and legal costs received and paid. Therefore, GLD only has information it has billed the client department in each case, as such please see table showing total billed costs. We are unable to break down costs any further than this without exceeding the costs limit in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

Billing Date: August 2023 to 15 July 2025

<i>Time and Charges Inc. VAT</i>	<i>Disbursements Inc. VAT</i>	<i>Total Billed Inc. VAT</i>
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:

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Yours sincerely,

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