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Dear

Thank you for your email of 12th September 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:

1. The total costs incurred to date by the Government Legal Department in relation to the Afghanistan-linked contra mundum super-injunction, broken down by financial year.
2. A breakdown of those costs by category (e.g. payments to external counsel, court fees, internal staffing).
3. Any records identifying which government department(s) the costs have been billed to.

For clarity, I am not requesting privileged legal advice or ongoing litigation strategy, only aggregate costs and billing records.

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 11 September 2025		
<i>Time and Charges Inc. VAT</i>	<i>Disbursements Inc. VAT</i>	<i>Total Billed Inc. VAT</i>
<i>1,976,925.06</i>	<i>624,958.40</i>	<i>2,601,883.46</i>

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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