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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19th May 2025 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

Regarding Home Office Job Application Reference Numbers 85521 and 166425

As FOI please provide the cost it's has been so far to defend this claim from your client, as you are using public money not private funds. This is a genuine request and within the scope of GLD! So please cooperate now.

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, GLD informs you that it holds the information you have requested.

Since the opening of our file on 12 October 2022 the following fees have been billed:

- GLD fees: £53,477.10 + VAT
- Disbursements (Counsel's fees): £2,826.00 + VAT

Some of these costs are standard costs which would be incurred in defending any Employment Tribunal proceedings e.g. responding to the claim form; preparing disclosure, hearing bundles and witness statements; attendance and representation at hearings.

However, it is understood there have been significant additional costs incurred in this matter due to the protracted nature of these proceedings (which commenced almost 3 years ago and have not yet reached a final conclusion); and the manner in which these proceedings have been conducted, including but not limited to:

- multiple hearings being postponed
- Clarifying the nature and scope of related claims

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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