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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22nd May 2025 containing your request for information. The Government Legal Department ("GLD") has considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act")

Request

1. *The total expenditure incurred by the GLD for legal services relating to Judicial Reviews for every year since 2019.*
2. *This total expenditure broken down by Government Department.*

For context, I asked Defra directly for this information and they advised I get in touch with you:

"In relation to part 9 of your request we are writing to advise you that the information that you have requested is not held by Defra. Defra Legal does not keep records of the legal costs of defending judicial reviews. Instead, we are invoiced a total amount each month by the Government Legal Department (GLD) for legal services provided under various cases for that month and we pay the invoices direct to the GLD."

Response

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

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
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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team

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	2019-20	
Latest Parent Client Department	GLD Fees and Charges Inc. VAT	Disbursements Inc. VAT
Attorney General Chambers - Cayman Island	103.76	5,333.60
Attorney General's Office	41,083.08	23,387.64
Cabinet Office	85,716.65	108,798.05
Charity Commission	604.80	11,280.00
Crown Prosecution Service	41,493.00	34,318.67
Dept for Business and Trade (previously BEIS)	265,983.71	221,564.22
Dept for Culture, Media & Sport	71,364.24	70,180.80
Dept for Education	389,445.40	159,861.68
Dept for Energy Security and Net Zero (previously BEIS)	160,072.68	131,769.88
Dept for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	-	
Dept for Exiting the European Union	9,934.94	23,533.49
Dept for Science, Innovation and Technology	-	
Dept for Transport	233,525.08	497,072.25
Dept for Work & Pensions	80,717.84	52,172.16
Dept of Health & Social Care	1,298.64	357.00
ELECTORAL COMMISSION	15,096.36	18,886.20
College Of Policing	48,933.12	30,432.00
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office	716,876.02	885,372.58
HM Revenue & Customs	7,784.22	9,192.00
HM Treasury	77,820.79	87,569.26
Home Office	17,378,161.39	6,644,984.85
Ministry of Defence	179,913.85	164,748.90
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	91,617.72	61,538.41
Ministry of Justice	1,968,130.57	737,492.15
Northern Ireland Office	2,162.52	-
OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS ADJUDICATOR	-	
Scottish Central Government	-	
Service Complaints Ombudsman (previously OSCC)	10,769.76	1,800.01
UK Export Finance	5,550.72	3,780.00
UK Statistics Authority	-	
Welsh Central Government	49,628.94	40,545.10
Grand Total	21,933,789.80	10,025,970.90

	2020-21			2021-22	
Total Billed Inc. VAT	GLD Fees and Charges Inc. VAT	Disbursements Inc. VAT	Total Billed Inc. VAT	GLD Fees and Charges Inc. VAT	Disbursements Inc. VAT
5,437.36	223.50	-	223.50	-	-
64,470.72	24,948.72	63,014.85	87,963.57	16,418.16	5,931.26
194,514.70	101,148.50	105,903.11	207,051.61	145,763.17	108,467.27
11,884.80	334.44	120.00	454.44	163.44	-
75,811.67	93,955.44	42,783.34	136,738.78	6,876.96	49,791.76
487,547.93	417,190.27	165,956.48	583,146.75	459,737.40	312,401.89
141,545.04	51,800.46	47,296.81	99,097.27	129,348.48	55,432.00
549,307.08	482,137.20	275,746.54	757,883.74	575,810.35	319,266.11
291,842.56	142,664.22	91,689.74	234,353.96	109,571.70	81,622.21
	384,397.68	266,658.89	651,056.57	337,144.02	170,135.12
33,468.43	716.16	200.40	916.56	-	
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730,597.33	528,249.78	180,267.90	708,517.68	547,256.10	307,053.10
132,890.00	122,433.18	111,315.03	233,748.21	68,745.00	135,971.92
1,655.64	3,429.80	7,106.40	10,536.20	55,107.60	13,166.78
33,982.56	1,154.88	432.00	1,586.88	-	
79,365.12	14,198.16	10,896.00	25,094.16	28,908.96	39,271.20
1,602,248.60	734,522.02	693,364.29	1,427,886.31	443,034.60	403,119.57
16,976.22	3,552.54	4,202.76	7,755.30	48,117.24	36,015.98
165,390.05	195,888.52	79,658.09	275,546.61	324,888.95	366,364.61
24,023,146.24	12,886,549.02	4,768,194.52	17,654,743.54	10,641,851.84	5,370,662.72
344,662.75	480,202.93	415,265.72	895,468.65	1,045,942.49	1,201,454.16
153,156.13	213,736.76	66,136.40	279,873.16	261,876.12	146,009.04
2,705,622.72	2,918,836.69	1,152,709.18	4,071,545.87	2,095,124.58	780,510.46
2,162.52	22,862.28	7,350.00	30,212.28	26,283.96	11,232.00
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	6,831.24	-	6,831.24	10,144.56	8,154.00
12,569.77	24,870.96	8,376.79	33,247.75	44,220.48	17,710.50
9,330.72	36,841.12	20,429.34	57,270.46	60,505.32	94,149.69
	568.86	-	568.86	14,996.94	11,197.39
90,174.04	161,222.70	124,142.03	285,364.73	20,235.84	29,099.74
31,959,760.70	20,055,468.04	8,709,216.61	28,764,684.65	17,518,074.26	10,074,190.48

	2022-23			2023-24	
Total Billed Inc. VAT	GLD Fees and Charges Inc. VAT	Disbursements Inc. VAT	Total Billed Inc. VAT	GLD Fees and Charges Inc. VAT	Disbursements Inc. VAT
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22,349.42	5,129.28	3,249.60	8,378.88	674.40	228.00
254,230.44	107,469.59	94,606.15	202,075.74	78,250.07	73,127.11
163.44	-			-	
56,668.72	26,381.04	27,940.80	54,321.84	4,392.72	1,461.60
772,139.29	377,360.71	185,462.09	562,822.80	101,681.40	130,837.05
184,780.48	52,757.63	48,959.84	101,717.47	32,059.73	8,929.99
895,076.46	477,024.32	248,336.46	725,360.78	476,147.36	131,632.73
191,193.91	329,946.56	204,354.40	534,300.96	415,806.06	500,659.82
507,279.14	553,852.22	167,629.60	721,481.82	924,222.73	483,683.38
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	27,118.34	5,064.50	32,182.84	20,876.33	9,807.60
854,309.20	427,523.78	252,268.37	679,792.15	482,070.90	354,319.50
204,716.92	61,816.56	60,529.00	122,345.56	39,774.00	15,766.40
68,274.38	257.28	1,200.00	1,457.28	3,590.88	-
	-	-	-	-	
68,180.16	24,037.74	9,880.80	33,918.54	26,920.68	6,650.80
846,154.17	558,766.57	454,110.65	1,012,877.22	1,051,267.91	1,033,834.96
84,133.22	2,832.20	11,733.23	14,565.43	1,924.86	1,221.72
691,253.56	140,450.88	116,943.21	257,394.09	111,355.79	164,298.65
16,012,514.56	12,697,455.66	5,561,082.07	18,258,537.73	13,341,006.06	4,642,681.89
2,247,396.65	947,048.51	1,969,663.42	2,916,711.93	754,978.04	1,177,445.85
407,885.16	128,735.06	59,933.41	188,668.47	205,269.60	101,204.10
2,875,635.04	2,266,187.05	711,857.05	2,978,044.10	2,885,335.45	1,158,357.26
37,515.96	2,964.41	2,650.00	5,614.41	14,003.89	7,819.86
	31,585.80	2,258.40	33,844.20	1,652.52	8,789.60
18,298.56	-	-	-	-	-
61,930.98	4,591.68	7,327.20	11,918.88	20,619.48	5,728.02
154,655.01	16,493.42	76,682.02	93,175.44	731.16	4,464.00
26,194.33	14,744.64	30,526.78	45,271.42	142.20	3,232.20
49,335.58	9,464.88	1,560.00	11,024.88	189.60	-
27,592,264.74	19,291,995.84	10,315,809.05	29,607,804.89	20,994,943.83	10,026,182.09

	2024-25			2025-26	
Total Billed Inc. VAT	GLD Fees and Charges Inc. VAT	Disbursements Inc. VAT	Total Billed Inc. VAT	GLD Fees and Charges Inc. VAT	Disbursements Inc. VAT
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902.40	8,443.68	1,087.20	9,530.88	198.60	2,684.00
151,377.18	240,333.89	173,956.47	414,290.36	49,489.20	39,096.85
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5,854.32	555.96	-	555.96	6,399.72	363.60
232,518.45	257,572.18	167,930.05	425,502.23	75,931.14	26,043.03
40,989.72	1,514.80	-	1,514.80	-	
607,780.09	547,012.74	198,763.64	745,776.38	43,917.72	13,925.89
916,465.88	382,963.50	306,777.55	689,741.05	116,580.84	37,806.02
1,407,906.11	910,254.00	492,132.95	1,402,386.95	134,740.86	62,673.32
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30,683.93	26,952.86	10,111.80	37,064.66	18,465.30	1,170.00
836,390.40	590,813.76	466,870.16	1,057,683.92	76,543.68	70,567.72
55,540.40	103,393.56	30,957.62	134,351.18	5,891.40	1,884.00
3,590.88	11,338.02	4,314.00	15,652.02	2,229.12	324.00
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33,571.48	27,595.08	33,315.73	60,910.81	2,211.96	1,242.00
2,085,102.87	1,651,103.62	1,085,198.50	2,736,302.12	254,625.87	159,473.70
3,146.58	3,485.59	10,678.00	14,163.59	90.72	-
275,654.44	135,796.44	121,590.18	257,386.62	42,228.78	5,792.80
17,983,687.95	20,152,654.70	6,909,990.78	27,062,645.48	3,793,224.49	1,189,753.88
1,932,423.89	1,620,966.05	804,388.14	2,425,354.19	327,807.29	89,976.97
306,473.70	603,271.84	267,081.26	870,353.10	178,923.07	164,399.21
4,043,692.71	2,981,438.53	940,593.53	3,922,032.06	464,738.40	122,519.56
21,823.75	33,890.84	18,385.07	52,275.91	6,460.70	4,356.00
10,442.12	10,765.44	2,700.00	13,465.44	9,458.28	1,368.00
-	-			-	
26,347.50	33,835.92	17,448.70	51,284.62	2,596.80	1,387.20
5,195.16	202.67	150.00	352.67	-	8,114.40
3,374.40	-	(42.00)	(42.00)	-	
189.60	-	-	-	-	
31,021,125.92	30,336,155.66	12,064,379.33	42,400,534.99	5,612,753.94	2,004,922.15

	2019 to date		
Total Billed Inc. VAT	GLD Fees and Charges Inc. VAT	Disbursements Inc. VAT	Total Billed Inc. VAT
	327.26	5,333.60	5,660.86
2,882.60	96,895.92	99,582.55	196,478.47
88,586.05	808,171.07	703,955.01	1,512,126.08
	1,102.68	11,400.00	12,502.68
6,763.32	180,054.84	156,659.77	336,714.61
101,974.17	1,955,456.81	1,210,194.81	3,165,651.62
	338,845.33	230,799.44	569,644.77
57,843.61	2,991,495.10	1,347,533.05	4,339,028.15
154,386.86	1,657,605.56	1,354,679.62	3,012,285.18
197,414.18	3,244,611.52	1,642,913.26	4,887,524.78
	10,651.10	23,733.89	34,384.99
19,635.30	93,412.84	26,153.90	119,566.74
147,111.40	2,885,983.08	2,128,419.00	5,014,402.08
7,775.40	482,771.54	408,596.13	891,367.67
2,553.12	77,251.34	26,468.18	103,719.52
	16,251.24	19,318.20	35,569.44
3,453.96	172,805.70	131,688.53	304,494.23
414,099.57	5,410,196.60	4,714,474.25	10,124,670.85
90.72	67,787.38	73,043.69	140,831.07
48,021.58	1,028,430.14	942,216.80	1,970,646.94
4,982,978.37	90,890,903.16	35,087,350.71	125,978,253.87
417,784.26	5,356,859.16	5,822,943.16	11,179,802.32
343,322.28	1,683,430.18	866,301.83	2,549,732.01
587,257.96	15,579,791.28	5,604,039.19	21,183,830.47
10,816.70	108,628.61	51,792.93	160,421.54
10,826.28	53,462.04	15,116.00	68,578.04
	16,975.80	8,154.00	25,129.80
3,984.00	141,505.08	59,778.42	201,283.50
8,114.40	120,324.41	207,769.45	328,093.86
	30,452.64	44,914.37	75,367.01
	240,741.96	195,346.87	436,088.83
7,617,676.09	135,743,181.37	63,220,670.61	198,963,851.98