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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 27th February 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

I am writing to obtain the following information under the freedom of information act. Please provide the following information for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years:

1. The total income your organisation received from the government in each year.
2. Your organisation's total expenditure in each year.
3. Your organisation's total staff headcount in each year.
4. The year in which your organisation was originally founded

For the purposes of this FOI, income from the government refers to all income you received from the UK government. This is most likely in the form of government grants but could also be through other mechanisms.

Total expenditure refers to the total amount of money your organisation spent in each financial year. If this is not available, please provide net expenditure and identify it as such.

Your organisation's headcount refers to the total number of staff employed during each financial year. If a total headcount is not available please provide the full-time equivalent figure and identify it as such.

The year in which your organisation was founded refers to the initial founding of the organisation rather than a name change. Please provide the earliest possible date for this.

Finally, I have included a table below to format answers, please feel free to use if it makes the response easier:

| Question | Answer |
|------------------------|--------|
| Total taxpayer funding | |
| Total expenditure | |
| Full headcount | |

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| Organisation's founding | |
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Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a), GLD confirms that it holds the information you have requested. The income, expenditure and headcount can be found in the GLD Annual Report and Accounts [Government Legal Department Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24 - GOV.UK](#)

The post of Treasury Solicitor, the head of the Government Legal Department was first officially defined in 1661. The Department's role was widened further by the Treasury Solicitor Act 1876, which made the Solicitor a corporation sole and transferred to him functions formerly carried out by the solicitors attached to the Admiralty, the War Office, and the Office of Works.

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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