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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24th April 2026 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

An FOIA response was issued on 25 April 2024, reference FOI24_519 (copy attached for ease), in response to the following request:

"Please set out the current hourly rates charged to government departments by GLD lawyers of different grades."

An updated response to this same question is sought, setting out in a similar format by grade of fee earner the current hourly rates as at the date of this request.

If any part of this request requires clarification, please let us know. If the requested information is exempt from disclosure in whole or in part, please provide the relevant exemption(s) and any information that can be disclosed.

Response

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

HOURLY RATES		
Description	Invoicing Code/Grade	2026/27
Head of Division/Director (SCS PB2)	HOD	£200

Senior Civil Servant/Deputy Director (SCS PB1)	SCS	£153
Senior Lawyer (Grade 6)	6	£144
Lawyer (Grade 7) & Junior Lawyer (Legal Officer)	7/LO	£126
Senior Executive Officer, Higher Executive Officer	SEO/HEO	£97
Legal Trainee, Executive Officer, Administrative Officer	LT/EO/AO	£87

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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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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