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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14th August 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

All records, including spreadsheets and financial reports, detailing the total external legal costs and staffing costs for the case regarding QB-2021-002833 Elbuzidi & another v SIS and others for the period of 1 January 2021 to 14 August 2025. Please also include internal estimates of potential total ultimate costs of the case, internal estimates of potential settlement costs and any records of interim payments made to the claimant for the same case and period.
Please provide the information in a digital format, such as a PDF or spreadsheet.

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, GLD confirms that it holds relevant information to your request.

GLD is applying the exemption contained within Section 23(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. This provides an exemption for information if it is directly or indirectly supplied to a public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in Section 23(3).

As Section 23 is an absolute exemption, there is no requirement for the Department to undertake a public interest test.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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