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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 29th 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

Please provide me with a breakdown of the legal costs incurred by government departments in any legal cases associated with planning, construction or development of the Lower Thames Crossing. If possible, please clarify which department incurred the costs and which case the costs covered. If the costs related to something other than a specific case, e.g. general legal advice, please clarify that.

Response

Pursuant to Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, GLD informs you that it does not hold the information you have requested.

There have been no legal cases / challenges to date relating to Lower Thames Crossing. The Department received and dealt with correspondence from a potential challenger to the Development Consent Order which was initially thought to be a Pre-Action Protocol letter but was not. GLD Litigation advised on this correspondence and billed DfT £574.40. However, as this did not progress to a legal case, this will not be included in this response.

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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