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Freedom of Information request: legal costs (our ref 12411)

I am sorry that you have not had an earlier reply to your e-mail of 13 July, in which you asked for information about the external legal costs in the case relating to your 'meta request' under the Freedom of Information Act.

The external legal costs in this case were split between the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). I am replying on behalf of both Departments, with the MoJ's agreement. The costs in question, relating to both the initial Information Tribunal and the High Court action (but not the remitted Information Tribunal proceedings) and based on available information to 3 September 2009, were as follows:

Home Office:	£35,443.36
MoJ:	£35,265.89
Total	£70,709.25

These figures do not take account of any other costs incurred since 3 August 2009 in respect of the remitted appeal to the Information Tribunal which remains on-going.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting your complaint to the address below, quoting reference Fol 12411.

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During the independent review the Department's handling of your information will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this information. Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Brook', is positioned above the printed name.

Adrian Brook
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