

Monday, 20 October 2008



Alex Thomas
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Your Ref:
Our Ref: 44078

Dear Alex Thomas

I am writing with reference to your request for information regarding cost of consultants dated 27 September 2008, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked for the following information:

'...how much you have spent on external consultants in...2006-7, 2007-8 and 2008-9 (year to date).'

NPIA's spend on consultants, contractors and interim managers is as follows:

Year	Consultancy	Other Specialist Contractors and Interim Managers	Total
Apr 07 to Mar 08	£11m	£41m	£52m
Apr 08 to date	£5m*	£18m*	£23m

**Split of the Apr 08 to date spend is estimated at this time.*

Please note that the NPIA was established on 1 April 2007, no figures exist for the period April 2006 to March 2007.

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 3 – 6 weeks. You should write to:

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If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by the NPIA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Further information about the NPIA is routinely published on our website at www.npia.police.uk or through our publication scheme. If you require any further assistance in connection with this request please contact us at our address above.

Yours sincerely

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