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Dear Mr. Soles,

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2009, in which you asked for the following details relating to Her Majesty's Courts Service from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

On a yearly basis from 2000 onwards, unless of course money was paid to Common Purpose from an earlier period, in which case please include information from the earlier period:

1. Name all employees/staff/Judges who have attended a Common Purpose course?
2. How much money has been paid to this organisation?
3. Please provide copies of invoices/receipts

Your query was passed to my team on 16 March 2009 because I have responsibility for answering requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) which relate to expenditure across the Ministry of Justice as a whole.

For the first and last element of your enquiry, I can confirm that the Department holds the information you are seeking, but I am unable to disclose it in full to you. This is because the information is the personal data of another person, and disclosure would be unfair to that other person who is the subject of the data. We are unable to supply copies of the invoices for the same reason, as the names of those attending the courses are shown.

Section 40(2) of the FOIA states that personal data relating to third parties (i.e. a party other than the person requesting the information) is exempt information if one of the conditions in Section 40(3) is satisfied. It is my view that disclosure of this information would breach one or more of the Data Protection Principles in the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

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For the second part of your query, I am, however, able to provide you with the details of payments made to Common Purpose by MoJ Accounts Payable on behalf of Her Majesty's Courts Service since 2000/2001 which are as follows:

Invoice DATE	Transaction Detail	Transaction Amount
18-01-2008	One attendee of the Common Purpose Merseyside Matrix 2008 Programme	£4,964.38
18-09-2007	One attendee to Common Purpose Wales Navigator Programme 2007	£3,525.00
31-10-2006	One attendee to Common Purpose Wales Navigator Programme 2006	£2,350.00
23-03-2006	One attendee of Common Purpose 20:20 Programme	£5,698.75
10-02-2006	One attendee of Common Purpose Profile Programme 2006	£1,116.25
05-10-2005	One attendee of Common Purpose Hull Matrix 2005/06 Programme	£4,641.25
04-08-2004	*	£587.50
20-08-2003	*	£329.00
10-07-2003	*	£4,406.25
24-06-2002 (Not a duplication)	*	£940.00
24-06-2002	*	£940.00
05-04-2002	*	£998.75
23-01-2002	*	£4,230.00
12-03-2001	*	£79.00
30-01-2001	*	£2,996.25
09-01-2001	*	£2,996.25
04-04-2000	*	£1,468.75

* Invoices are archived and as such the transaction details could only be retrieved at a disproportionate cost.

Section 12 of the FOIA makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The invoices held for information prior to 2005 are archived off site and it is anticipated it would exceed the cost limit to retrieve and review copies of this information, bearing in mind the time already spent in collating the information above.

You may wish to narrow the scope of your request in order to try and bring it within the cost limit, for example, you may wish to request details of a smaller number of invoices only or for a shorter financial period.

As part of our obligations under the FOIA, the Ministry of Justice has an independent review process. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may write to request an internal review. The internal review will be carried out by someone who did not make the original decision, and they will re-assess how the Department handled the original request.

If you wish to request an internal review, please write or send an email to the Data Access and Compliance Unit within two months of the date of this letter, at the following address:

Data Access and Compliance Unit
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Ministry of Justice
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If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review decision, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office under Section 50 of the FOIA. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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