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Dear Ms Butlin,

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 200410003**

Thank you for your request received by MoJ 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

**“Could you please inform me the judicial costs expended the last 12 months (April 2019 to March 2020) regarding Julian Assange by month or in total.**

**These would include Bail charging hearing, sentencing hearing as well as all the Administrative, Case Management and Extradition main hearings.”**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

The MoJ does not hold any information in the scope of your request. Please be advised that MoJ are not stating that there is no data held for the costs expended by the judicial. However, the data held only gives the total costs expended in the last 12 months within the jurisdiction. This is because there is no legal or business requirement for us to break it down. Instead it is sufficient for MoJ to only hold it by jurisdiction. Hopefully this will provide you with a better understanding of our 'do not hold' reply as to why we do not break down by specific cases.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

**Appeal Rights**

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response.

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You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely

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