21 January 2022

Dear S Jessop

Our ref: FOI2021/23992

Thank you for your email of 20 December 2021 in which you make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your full request is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Cabinet Office is unable to comply with your request. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act relieves public authorities of the duty to comply with a request for information if the cost of dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government. This is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 1/2 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we are suggesting ways you may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope and being more specific concerning the precise nature of the information you are interested in.

You may be able to do this, for example, by limiting your request to particular events and a shorter time period, such as a specific day or week.

Yours sincerely

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NICHOLAS HOWARD

S Jessop

Incoming request

I would like to know how much number 10 has spent on cheese and wine from March 2020 to December 2021.



If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received from this office in relation to any aspect of your request, you may ask for an internal review.

You should contact:

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Email: foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF