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Stuart Lawson
What do they know

Legal Services

Director
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(By Email)

8 January 2015

Dear Mr Lawson

Re: request for information under The Freedom of Information Act.

Further to your request for information dated 8 December 2014 please find attached the University of Birmingham's response. If you have any queries with regard to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please note our statement in respect of Copyright, which is also attached.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request has been dealt with, you may ask for an internal review. A copy of the Complaints and Appeals procedure is attached. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have a right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
University of Birmingham

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Your request for information read:

Please publish the total amount paid to the publishers:

*Wiley
Springer
Oxford University Press*

For academic journals for each of the last five years (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014).

I understand that your expenditure records may be held in academic financial years rather than calendar years. If so I am happy for the response to be provided in the same format, with figures for 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, and 2013/14.

The figures should include payments made directly to the publishers as well as any payments made to subscription agents or intermediaries for the purchase of, and/or access to, the publishers' academic journals. They should also include payment for journal packages such as Jisc Collections' NESLi agreement, as well as for individual journals. Please include VAT where possible.

The University of Birmingham responds:

The University of Birmingham is required to respond to a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") if it holds the information being requested, unless it is appropriate to apply one of the limited exemptions set out in the Act.

The table below details a summary of subscription costs excluding VAT, as detailed in your request, for Wiley, Springer and Oxford University Press over the last 5 calendar years.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Wiley	£288,115.26	£296,727.09	£288,090.31	£292,998.07	£310,357.08
Springer	£235,134.00	£255,310.52	£263,395.97	£248,660.26	£270,737.76
Oxford University Press	£54,911.32	£59,298.09	£61,278.00	£63,444.03	£70,156.21

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COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE

Complaints and Appeals against a Refusal Notice issued in response to a request for information must be made in writing to the University's Information Compliance Manager (address given below). Complaints in respect of the University's Publication Scheme can be made in the same way.

Complaints and Appeals will be acknowledged within five (5) working days of receipt. The Information Compliance Manager will then refer the matter to the University's Director of Legal Services or nominee for consideration. If the Director of Legal Services was involved in responding to the request at the first stage, then the University's Registrar & Secretary or nominee will be asked to investigate the matter.

The Director of Legal Services or the Registrar & Secretary as appropriate may, after having sought further information from the members of staff involved in dealing with the original request, seek to resolve the issue on the basis of the documentation submitted. Where the Director of Legal Services or the Registrar & Secretary requires further clarification, he/she may decide to meet with the members of staff involved in dealing with the original request.

A full response to the complaint will normally be sent direct to the Complainant(s) within fifteen (15) working days, or in the case of a complex review, especially when the public interest test is involved, within thirty (30) working days.

If, having received this response, the Complainant(s) remains dissatisfied, s/he may make an appeal to the Information Commissioner at the address below.

Addresses for Correspondence

Information Compliance Manager
Legal Services
The University of Birmingham
Edgbaston
Birmingham
B15 2TT

Or: xxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx.xx

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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