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Stuart Lawson
What do they know

(By Email)

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Dear Mr Lawson

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

Further to your request for information dated 1st December 2016, 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 us.

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. The University's Complaints and Appeals procedure is available at <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/governance/policies-regs/information/index.aspx>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
University of Birmingham

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Your request for information reads:

“For the years 2015 and 2016, please publish the total amount paid to each of the following publishers for academic journals:

*Wiley
Springer
Elsevier
Taylor & Francis
De Gruyter
Sage
Royal Society of Chemistry
Institute of Physics Publishing*

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 2014/15, and 2015/16.

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 agreements, 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 the amounts (including VAT) that the University of Birmingham has spent with the publishers identified in your request.

	January – December 2015	January – December 2016
Wiley	£380,154.98	£389,412.46
Springer	£260,647.11	£267,050.82
Elsevier	£970,869.44	£1,007,471.53
Taylor & Francis	£309,501.61	£326,567.86
De Gruyter	£10,223.26	£10,073.97
Sage	£150,379.71	£166,458.93
Royal Society of Chemistry	£24,482.35	£25,216.82
Institute of Physics Publishing	£45,993.73	£47,512.58

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