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Dear Mr. Lawson,

Freedom of Information Act Request 2016/265

Thank you for your email dated 1st December 2016 requesting information about City, University of London, made in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For ease of reference, your questions are reproduced below in bold followed by our response.

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.

Our Response:

I can confirm that we hold information in scope of your request in regards Elsevier. However, we have withheld the information under Section 41(2) -Information provided in confidence of the Freedom of Information Act.

We consider that Section 41 (2) (Information provided in confidence) applies to the above contracts signed by the City. The contracts (amounts) held by City has been agreed and signed in confidence with third Elsevier. If City, were to disclose the information requested, we would be subject to an actionable breach of confidence. The above exemption is absolute. Hence, does not warrant the consideration of the public interests test.

	2015	2016
Wiley	£86,871	£87,626
Springer	£24,059	£25,473
Elsevier	Confidential	Confidential
Taylor & Francis	£103,455	£107,440
De Gruyter	£1,196.06	£1,254.12
Sage	£84,303	£83,384
Royal Society of Chemistry	£0	£0
Institute of Physics Publishing	£9,025	£9,303

If you are dissatisfied with the way your request for information has been managed, please contact the Director of Information Technology at:

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Yours sincerely,

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