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Dear Mr Kar

Freedom of Information request: reference 34576

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 February 2015, in which you ask for a breakdown of the Spouse Visa application fee. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and can be found in full in the enclosed Annex.

I am able to disclose the information set out in the enclosed Annex.

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that the Home Office holds.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference **34576**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

Freedom of Information request from Sumon Kar (reference 34576)

Information requested

Can you please provide a breakdown of the Spouse Visa application fee? How do you come to the figure of £885?

Response

Fees are reviewed annually and are set within strict financial limits agreed with HM Treasury and Parliament. The application fee for a spousal visa is contained in the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2014 (No 922).

Information explaining the basis on which we set immigration and nationality application fees forms part of the explanatory memorandum and the impact assessment which accompany the regulations. These documents have been published and are available via the link below to the National Archives website.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2014/922/contents/made>

The table below outlines an estimate of the different elements that make up the fees for a spousal visa:

Application type	Unit cost (£)	Contribution towards benefits and entitlements (£)	Application fee (£)
Spousal Visa	378	507	885

We set fees for immigration and nationality applications to reflect the benefits and entitlements given to those who make a successful application, as well as the administrative costs to us of processing an application.

The fee for a spousal visa is set above cost. This reflects the value of an application that, if successful, provides a route to stay indefinitely and bring dependants into the United Kingdom.

Benefits available to those in the UK with temporary leave also include:

- Unrestricted access to the labour market;
- Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) or equivalent to provide physical evidence of identity, status and entitlements;
- Access to state funded education for dependant children.

Date

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