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Dear Ms Stephens

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information received by the Council on 5th September 2017. It has been assessed and the following information is provided in response:

1. The amount of money spent on asbestos management in schools between 2006 and 2016 (to include the costs of surveys, staff training and work to enclose asbestos within schools)

In 2010, in anticipation of revised asbestos regulations being introduced, £200,000 was allocated to fund new management style asbestos surveys and provide asbestos management plans for all schools in Ealing. The surveys and plans were completed in 2011.

A budget of £100,000 per annum was allocated for asbestos works in schools for the period 2011 to 2013.

In line with government policy there is no policy to remove asbestos in schools. Where asbestos materials are present and they impact on a planned project, the removal or encapsulation of the asbestos materials where safe to do so is integral to the overall cost of the project.

There is no information held which separates the costs into the elements as detailed in the question.

2. The amount of money spent on asbestos removal from schools between 2006 and 2016

As above.

3. The amount of money spent on fines for breaches in the safe management of asbestos in schools between 2006 and 2016

Nil

4. Funding sought from the Department of Education and the Education Funding Authority for the management and removal of asbestos from schools between 2006 and 2016

We are not aware of any funding streams through the Department of Education or the Education Funding Authority for the management and removal of asbestos in mainstream schools.

5. The amount of funding approved by the Department of Education and the Education Funding Authority for the management and removal of asbestos from schools between 2006 and 2016

Nil

6. The projected budget for future management of asbestos in schools between 2017 and 2027.

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Yours sincerely,