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27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Ms. Welsh,

**Freedom of Information request: reference 56772**

Thank you for your e-mails of 4<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019, in which you ask the following three questions:

1. How much of the 2018/19 financial year funding allocation was spent on internal Home Office monitoring of the EUSS?
2. What is the overall cost allocated for the EUSS for the 2019/20 financial year?
3. How much of this 2019/20 allocation will be spent on internal Home Office monitoring the EUSS?

(For full FOI request and clarification email please see Annex A below)

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In response to questions 1 & 3 of your request I can confirm that the Home Office does not report separately the costs associated with internal monitoring of the EUSS for 18/19 or 19/20.

In response to question 2 of your request 'What is the overall cost allocated for the EUSS for the 2019/20 financial year?'. For the financial year 2019-20 £81.1m has been allocated for the direct costs of operating the EU Settlement Scheme. This includes operational case working functions, grants for assistance to vulnerable customers and direct marketing and communication costs but excludes IT; office estates and other overhead costs which are not separately identifiable. Our budget allocations do not apportion indirect overhead costs to individual services such as the EU Settlement Scheme.

Please be aware that this 2019-20 direct cost forecast is not a like for like comparison with the 2018-19 £170m figure that we provided you in response to FOI 54536 CCT, as the £170m was the full cost including overhead apportionments and IT build costs. We were able to provide this full cost for 2018-19 as that number had been calculated and used for other purposes prior to receiving your FOI request.

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 [foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk), quoting reference 56772. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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

Yours sincerely  
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## Annex A

-----Original Message-----

From: Alice Welsh [mailto:request-617353-89b693fa@whatdotheyknow.com]

Sent: 04 December 2019 15:13

To: FOI Requests

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information request - EU Settlement Scheme Costs and Monitoring

Dear Home Office,

In response to your questions I have clarified my request:

I'm am requesting the "full spend" allocated for EUSS for the current financial year 2019/20

I am also requesting the portion of allocated spending used for internal Home Office monitoring of the EUSS for the current 2019/20 financial year and previous 2018/19 financial year.

By monitoring we mean collecting data on the EUSS, producing statistical reports, and monitoring whether the scheme is compliant with its statutory duties.

Yours faithfully,

Alice Welsh

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From: Alice Welsh [mailto:request-617353-89b693fa@whatdotheyknow.com]

Sent: 04 November 2019 12:15

To: FOI Requests

Subject: 56265 - Freedom of Information request - EU Settlement Scheme Costs and Monitoring

Dear Home Office,

I am writing to request information on the costs of the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). For the 2018/19 financial year the Home Office received £395 million from the EU Exit funding allocation, £170 million of this was reserved for the development and delivery of the EUSS ([https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/eu\\_settlement\\_scheme\\_statistics#incoming-1407470](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/eu_settlement_scheme_statistics#incoming-1407470)).

Please could you, within the limits of the FOIA, provide answers to the following questions, as far as possible:

1. How much of the 2018/19 financial year funding allocation was spent on internal Home Office monitoring of the EUSS?
2. What is the overall cost allocated for the EUSS for the 2019/20 financial year?
3. How much of this 2019/20 allocation will be spent on internal Home Office monitoring the EUSS?

If you cannot answer one question, please answer those questions that you are able to.

Yours faithfully,

Alice Welsh