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Our reference: DO2-15-329

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Dear Mrs McKee

DOE ALB and NDPB Administration and Legal fees expenditure.

You emailed the Department on 2nd August 2015 requesting:-

- In the past 3 years could you please provide the percentage increase or decrease for your departments ALBs and NDPBs expenditure in (a) administration and (b) legal fees.

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Department has five arm's length bodies (ALB's) as follows:

- NI Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC)
- Local Government Staff Commission for NI (LGSC)
- Council for Nature Conservation and Countryside (CNCC)
- Historic Monuments Council (HMC)
- Historic Buildings Council (HBC)

CNCC, HMC and HBC are statutory advisory councils and as such are funded by the Department for certain remuneration and expenses costs. NILGOSC and LGSC are non-departmental public bodies and both prepare an annual report and accounts.

The tables below set out the information as requested.

Administration Costs					
Year	NILGOSC	LGSC	CNCC	HMC	HBC
2012-13	+25%	+1%	+41%	+51%	+89%
2013-14	+6%	+3%	+7%	-24%	+14%
2014-15	+5%	-0.4%	-41%	-64%	-63%

Legal Fees					
Year	NILGOSC	LGSC	CNCC	HMC	HBC
2012-13	+848%	+300%	-	-	-
2013-14	-39%	+25%	-	-	-
2014-15	-52%	-40%	-	-	-

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Departmental Information Manager
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If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please quote the above reference number in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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