



Louis Goddard
By Email: request-527402-e1a742fb@whatdotheyknow.com

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Ref: FOI 1819077

Dear Louis Goddard,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA") request

I refer to your recent request for information, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

We have searched our records and I can confirm that Ofqual holds the information you have requested

Your Request and our response

1. *For each of the last 10 financial years, and the current financial year to 18.10.18 please state:*
 - *the number of legal disputes between your department and other central government departments and non-departmental government bodies.*

For each, please provide

- *A list of the court cases related to the dispute, with current status (resolved or ongoing) -Total time period of the dispute from bringing of proceedings until conclusion.*
- *Total cost in legal fees and related administration costs to your department*

I can confirm that there have been no legal disputes between Ofqual and other central government departments and non-departmental government bodies for each of the last 10 financial years or the current financial year to 18 October 2018.

2. *For each of the last 10 financial years, and the current financial year to 18.10.18 please supply the number of legal disputes between your department and a UK local council (including district, county, borough, unitary, parish).*

For each, please provide

- *A list of the court cases related to the dispute with current status (resolved or ongoing) -Total time period of the dispute from bringing of proceedings until conclusion.*
- *Total cost in legal fees and related administration costs to your department.*

I can confirm that there has been one legal dispute between Ofqual and UK local councils in the last 10 financial years and the current financial year to 18 October 2018.

The case is resolved. The case was London Borough of Lewisham & Ors v AQA, Edexcel, Ofqual & Ors the final judgement can be found here:

<https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/Judgments/london-borough-lewisham-aqa-judgment-13022013.pdf>.

The total time period was 20 September 2012 to 13 February 2013.

The cost in legal fees and related administration costs to Ofqual were approximately £230,000 of which we recovered approximately £210,000.

3. *For each of the last 10 financial years, and the current financial year to 18.10.18 please state the number of legal disputes between your department and a regional mayoral department.*

For each, please provide

- *A list of the court cases related to the dispute, with current status (resolved or ongoing) -Total time period of the dispute from bringing of proceedings until conclusion.*
- *Total cost in legal fees and related administration costs to your department*

I can confirm that there have been no legal disputes between Ofqual and a regional mayoral department in the last 10 financial years and the current financial year to 18 October 2018.

Internal Review

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled you have the right to request an internal review. You can request an internal review by contacting:-

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Earlsdon Park
53-55 Butts Road
Coventry, CV1 3BH
(naik.sandhu@ofqual.gov.uk).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner. Complaints to the Information Commissioner should be sent to:-

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team, Ofqual