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Dear BritCits,

**Freedom of Information request (31126)**

I am writing further to your email of 13<sup>th</sup> March regarding your refined request for information in which you asked the following:

*How much money did the Home Office spend on legal costs in the year 2010-2011?*

I apologise for the delay in replying.

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

I can confirm that the Home Office paid £17,598,617 (excluding VAT) in relation to legal fees to Treasury Solicitors for the financial year 2010-2011. However, it is not possible to provide any further information at a cost below the £600 limit. This is because the information requested is not held centrally. During 2010-11 the Home Office and its bodies used different accounting systems. It would therefore be necessary to conduct a manual search of our databases and file records to find the information requested.

You may, if you wish, refine your request further so that it is more likely to fall under the cost limit, although due to the way in which the information is stored it is unlikely that any such refinement would bring it under the limit.

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 **31126**. 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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