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Dear BritCits,

**Freedom of Information request (31506)**

Thank you for your email of 24<sup>th</sup> April regarding your request for information in which you asked how much the Home Office paid in legal costs in 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. 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 the following amounts (excluding VAT) to Treasury Solicitors in relation to legal fees.

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| 2011-12 | £17,728,218 |
| 2012-13 | £19,539,871 |
| 2013-14 | £22,374,704 |

However, it is not possible to provide any further information which would fall below the £600 cost limit. This is because the information you have requested is not held centrally. In order for us to provide you with the information, a manual search of our databases and file records would be necessary.

You may, if you wish, refine your request further so that it is more likely to fall under the cost limit, however, as mentioned in our previous response, due to the way in which the information is stored it is unlikely that any such refinement would bring it under the cost 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 **31506**. 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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