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R. Lee

By email: request-552337-de6c8e84@whatdotheyknow.com

Reference number: 2019-0006590
Date: 13 March 2019

Dear R. Lee,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information (FOI) request to the Department for Education.

You requested:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act please can you provide copies of any correspondence from any Birmingham MP or City Councillor concerning the 'No Outsiders' programme in Birmingham schools."

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act.)

I can confirm that the Department holds some information within the scope of your request. However, the Department has estimated that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the cost threshold applicable to central government. This is set at £600 and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Under Section 12 of the Act, the Department is therefore not obliged to comply with your request and will not be processing it further.

However, if you were to make a new request for a narrower, more specific category of information or limit the scope of your request, the Department may be able to comply within the cost limit, although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case.

Considering the context of your enquiry, you may wish to limit your request to a shorter time frame. If you were to narrow your request to a time period such as the first three months of 2019, this may help us process your request.

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

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. Your complaint will be considered by an independent review panel, which were not involved in the original consideration of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Smith
Communications Officer
Office of the West Midlands Regional Schools Commissioner