

Ted Jones

By email: request-530448-d54f9bb7@whatdotheyknow.com

Date: 04/12/18

Dear Mr Jones

Ref: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your correspondence received at the PPF on 6 November 2018. Your request has been considered as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FoIA"). A short summary of the FoIA and your rights is included in the Appendix.

You have asked:

"Please can you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1 - How many lawyers were working on a temporary (agency) basis at the organisation on Monday 3rd September 2018?

2 – What was the total spend by your organisation on temporary (agency) legal professionals during the financial year 1/4/16 to 31/3/17."

In respect of your queries raised under the FoIA, I set out my response below.

- 1- On Monday 3rd September 2018 there were no lawyers working on a temporary (agency) basis at the Pension Protection Fund.**
- 2- £0.00**

I hope that the information we have provided is of use. If you have any concerns about the way in which your information request has been treated, full details of our Freedom of Information procedures can be found at:

www.ppf.co.uk/freedom-information

Appeals are heard by a member of the PPF's senior management team who has not been involved in considering the initial request for information and a response to an appeal will be provided within 20 business days of receipt.

If, following such an appeal, you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner under Section 50 of the FoIA 2000.

There is no charge for making an appeal to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the appeals procedure provided by a public body. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House,
Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 01625 545745
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Charlie Lawrence', with a stylized, cursive script.

Charlie Lawrence
Junior Compliance Analyst

Appendix

The Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 came into force on 1 January 2005. It affects all public authorities and gives you a right (unless an exemption applies) to:

- be told if information is held; and
- be given that information.

The term 'public authority' includes most public organisations and Government Departments in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Scotland have their own Act), and includes the Board of the Pension Protection Fund.

There are a number of situations when information which a public authority holds is exempt from this requirement. In particular, information is exempt if its disclosure (otherwise than under the FoIA) by the public authority holding it:

- is prohibited by or under any enactment
- is incompatible with any community obligation, or
- would constitute or be punishable as a contempt of court.

The duty to confirm or deny whether the public authority holds information does not arise in these circumstances.