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Ref: FOI/21/55

Dear Section 40,

4 May 2021

Thank you for your request dated 1st April 2021 in which you requested that the Northern Ireland Office provide the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA"):

Which daily, weekly and monthly newspapers and magazines does the NIO purchase?

How much did you spend on each publication per annum in the latest full year for which information is held?

In response to your query I can confirm that during FY 2020/21 the Northern Ireland Office spent £405 on newspapers and magazines. We do not hold spend information by publication but the titles include: Belfast Telegraph; Irish News; Newsletter.

You have the right to appeal our decision if you think it is incorrect. If you believe this reply is not in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request a review you should do so in writing stating the reasons.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask him to investigate whether the NIO has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.ico.org.uk

If you wish to discuss this letter or our handling of your request, please contact the Freedom of Information Team using the contact details provided at the top of the first page. Please remember to quote your reference in any correspondence.

Thank you for your interest in the Northern Ireland Office.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Manager