



# The Insolvency Service

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**Mr Peter Barraclough**

**Via: Whatdotheyknow.com**

Your ref: Request-530787-44356c71@whatdotheyknow.com  
Our ref: 2018-569  
e-mail: FOI@insolvency.gsi.gov.uk  
Date: 3 December 2018

Dear Mr Barraclough,

Thank you for your freedom of information request, received via the Whatdotheyknow.com website on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018, in respect of the Insolvency Service's attendance at the 2018 Turnaround, Restructuring and Insolvency Awards (TRI Awards) ceremony. Specifically, you requested the following information:

- *The number of current Insolvency Service staff who attended the awards.*
- *The total cost to the Insolvency Service of its staff attending the TRI awards ceremony?*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- Know whether we hold the information you require.
- Be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions which may apply).

We can confirm that the agency holds the information that you are seeking, as follows.

The Insolvency Service, jointly with PwC, was shortlisted for the prestigious Insolvency Team of the Year (National) award at this year's TRI Awards, in respect of the team's work on the liquidation of the Carillion Group. This has been the largest, most complex liquidation ever undertaken by the agency and the TRI awards are the premier honours for the insolvency sector, with winners chosen by a jury of industry peers. Our nomination recognised the excellent work carried out by the team; which safeguarded vital public services and secured the jobs of over 7,000 former Carillion employees.

It was decided on this occasion, given such a prestigious nomination, that the agency should be represented at the awards ceremony by a cross-section of staff who had worked on the liquidation. As such, 10 members of staff were selected to attend the awards ceremony, both in their own capacity and as representatives of their colleagues, across the agency, who had collectively worked on Carillion. On the night, the team were successful, winning the award for which they were nominated – this was excellent news

for the reputation of both the team and the agency as a whole, highlighting the quality of our people and the work they do.

In addition to the 10 staff who attended the ceremony, our Chief Executive and Chair were both invited to attend as members of the judging panel, for which there was no cost to the agency.

The total cost, to the Insolvency Service, of attending the awards ceremony was £4,610. Attendance at the event itself was £399 per attendee (a total of £3,990 for the 10 attendees paid for by the agency); with associated accommodation and travel costs accounting for the remaining £620.

### **Appeals procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information and Data Protection Act team.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**