



Our ref: xxxxx
Your ref:

26 July 2007

Dear xxxxxxxx

Subject: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail dated 5 June 2007, in which you sought information about the costs of setting up the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). I would like to apologise for the delay in replying to your request.

Following investigations, I can confirm that the Department does hold information relating to your request. However, due to the nature of the financial accounting systems within the MoJ, we do not hold the exact detailed breakdown you have requested, as expenditure on specific areas is subsumed into broader budget categories when invoices are allocated to an account code on the financial accounting system, and to extract this information from invoice records would involve a considerable amount of work, and there is no requirement under the Freedom of Information Act to create data in response to a request for information.

However, we do hold a breakdown of expenditure into broad budget headings, and I can confirm that the total costs incurred up to and including 31 May 2007 in relation to the creation of the Ministry of Justice were approximately £1.59 million. This figure comprises £1.5 million (this figure was rounded up for clarity) reported in a Parliamentary Written Answer (144504) on 25 June 2007, and a further £0.1 million of committed expenditure since 9 May 2007, which represents resource costs associated with integration activities.

The total figure of £1.59 million is broken down into the following budget headings.

Budget Heading	Approximate Cost
Policy (consultation, policy documents)	£70,000
IT (capital, hardware, accessibility, branding, templates, desktop)	£700,000
Project Management	£75,000
Commercial (consultancy support, resolution and accountancy issues)	£160,000
Estates (new offices, signage)	£275,000
Communications (logo, presentation stands, branding, internet/intranet development)	£130,000
Human Resources (rebranding, staff)	£40,000



Private Office (IT improvements)	£40,000
Committed expenditure (associated with post launch integration activities)	£100,000
Total	£1,590,000

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to request an internal review please contact:

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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