

22 October 2024

Dear Madam,

**REFERENCE: FOI24111**

Thank you for your request for information dated 15 September 2024 in which you requested the following information:

*From 2nd May 2019 onwards, please provide details of spending on:*

1. *events, promotional materials, literature, merchandise, media, marketing, advertising, or any other projects or activities which promotes or endorses any of the following listed organisations, or any lodges, branches or linked/connecting groups thereof, and*
  2. *any and all grants, funding and payments from all and any funding sources to any of the following listed organisations, or any lodges, branches or linked/connecting groups thereof:*
    - *The Loyal Orange Institution (i.e. the Orange Order, including the Orange Museum, Orangefest, and Orange Widows)*
    - *The Independent Loyal Orange Institution (i.e. the Independent Orange Order)*
    - *The Imperial Grand Black Chapter of the British Commonwealth (i.e. the Royal Black Institution)*
    - *The Apprentice Boys of Derry*
    - *The Ancient Order of Hibernians*
    - *The Freemasons*
    - *The Knights of St Columbanus*
    - *The Royal British Legion*
- *Please provide a full breakdown with dates of the relevant spending, spending by year, and please specify what events/activities/projects were in receipt of funding, how much funding they each received, and explanations of the nature of these events/activities/projects.*
  - *Furthermore, please explain to what extent your policy or actions (be it related to funding or otherwise) have either provided for, or restricted, or otherwise regulated or concerned, the promotion or endorsement of the above-listed organisations;*

*including but not limited to via the raising of flags, the lighting of buildings, or other such displays, and please advise of the history of your policy and actions on this matter and any changes to your policy.*

- *In particular, please advise of funding in respect of the listed organisations, loyal orders and fraternal orders, and policy concerning the promotion of the above-listed organisations (including at your events/premises), and how this policy has changed over time.*
- *Please also provide copies of any correspondence between you and the above-listed organisations, or between you and individuals acting in capacity as representatives of an above-listed organisation.*

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information falling in scope of your request and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

The Department does not hold any information in relation to your request.

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 request an internal review, please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask the Commissioner to investigate whether the DOJ 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

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Yours sincerely

**DoJ Records & Information Manager**