

09 December 2024

REFERENCE: FOI24\134

Dear Sir

Thank you for your request for information dated 11th November 2024 and detailed below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of the department's unused, vacant or derelict land and property.

Please disclose a list of the land and property the department owns which is unused, vacant or derelict. For each please include:

- A brief description of the land or property, including if available its area size (i.e. acreage, square footage or whatever units of measurement you have).*
- It's address.*
- In each year from 2022 to present, the maintenance costs to secure and/or maintain the land or property.*

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.

In relation to the information you have requested, please be advised that the Department of Justice had five vacant properties during the period of your request:

1. NI War Rooms (Former) situated in Mount Eden Park, Belfast. The site is 0.64 acres (0.25899 hectares). It was transferred to the Department for Communities, Historic Environment Division during the summer 2023.
2. Old Town Hall Building, Victoria Street, Belfast, BT1 3GL. It has an operational floor area of 1,878m².
3. Larne Courthouse, Victoria Road, Larne, BT40 1RN. It has an operational floor area of 285m².
4. Limavady Courthouse, Main Street, Limavady, BT49 0EY. It has an operational floor area of 253m².
5. Magherafelt Courthouse, 1 Hospital Road, Magherafelt, BT45 5DG. It has an operational floor area of 1,317m².

The table below provides the total cost to maintain and/or secure the premises during the full financial years covering the period of your request.

Building	2022/23 Security/Maintenance	2023/24 Security/Maintenance
NI War Rooms (Former)	£1,442.39	N/A ¹
Old Town Hall Building	£11,548.28	£23,666.66
Larne Courthouse	£2,797.36	£6,199.75
Limavady Courthouse	£31,169.37	£51,061.51
Magherafelt Courthouse	£27,672.47	£109,143.28

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

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner can be found at:

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

DoJ Records & Information Manager