

19 November 2024

**REFERENCE: FOI24\137**

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your request for information dated 12 November 2024 and detailed below:

*Dear (Relevant Authority, e.g., Police Service of Northern Ireland, Public Prosecution Service, Court Service, Justice department and TEO),*

*I am writing to request information under the **Freedom of Information Act 2000**, as it applies in Northern Ireland. I am seeking details regarding public expenditure related to criminal cases involving myself, **Michele Morton/Michelle Morton**. Specifically, I request the following:*

- 1. **Police Investigation Costs:** The total funds spent by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) on investigations related to cases involving me, including manpower, resources, and associated expenses.*
- 2. **Public Prosecution Costs:** The total amount spent by the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) on prosecuting these cases, including legal fees and any other associated costs.*
- 3. **Court Fees and Expenses:** The total costs incurred during court proceedings, including judicial resources, facilities, and administrative expenses.*
- 4. **Aggregate Expenditure:** A summary of all public funds spent on criminal cases involving me, including police investigations, prosecution costs, and court fees.*

*Please provide the total expenditure incurred for each of these categories for all criminal cases involving **Michele Morton/Michelle Morton**. If it is not possible to provide an exact breakdown of costs, please provide an estimated total expenditure across all relevant cases.*

***Justification and Clarifications:***

- **Scope:** *This request is limited to public funds spent on criminal cases where **Michele Morton** was directly involved.*
- **Timeframe:** *Please include cases from 2019 through to 2024.*
- **Public Interest:** *This information pertains to transparency and accountability regarding the expenditure of public funds in the administration of justice.*

*If any part of this request is unclear or requires further clarification, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Should any exemptions under the FOI Act apply, I ask that you explain which exemptions are being applied and why.*

*If this request falls outside the scope of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and instead requires a Data Subject Access Request under the **UK GDPR** and **Data Protection Act 2018**, please let me know, and I will amend or submit the request accordingly.*

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 (DoJ) Core does not hold any recorded information in scope of your request. The Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service who are part of the DoJ have advised they will answer 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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[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**DoJ Records & Information Manager**