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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information dated 22nd September 2021 and detailed below.

Could the Department disclose the amount it has spent on legal challenges to decisions by the Information Commissioner Office (ICO) since May 2016?

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 information you have requested is provided below:

Since May 2016 a total of £6441.10 has been spent by the Department in relation to legal challenges to decisions made by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

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

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: <u>www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk</u>

Yours sincerely

Records & Information Manager

