

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – INFORMATION RELEASED FROM 1 APRIL 2010 TO 31 MARCH 2011.

A total of 38 Freedom of Information Act requests were received from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011. Many covered similar topics and some were not related to the work of the Supreme Court (UKSC).

We provided information on a number of topics which are considered to be of wider public interest. The questions and answers are reproduced below:

The Supreme Court website – request received on 23 April 2010, reply sent on 21 May 2010

Q. Can you please detail, for each year since your public website was launched, how much money has been spent on creating, developing, and running it; including every separate version of it since it began.

Where possible, please break these costs out by function (for example, development, design, updates, changes, hosting, co-location, domain registration, licensing etc).

Where the costs have been incurred with external providers, please list the companies in question.

For internal staff time, if this is not recorded and/or charged explicitly, please provide estimates based on salary/overheads and time of people involved.

I would also be grateful to receive full disclosure of the tendering process including proposals of all unsuccessful bidders.

Please also detail future budget allocations for public websites where these have been considered.

A. The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) dealt with the set up of the UKSC including the website, therefore, information about the tendering, creation and development of the website is not held by the UKSC.

For the six months of the 2009/10 financial year from 1 October 2009 to 31 March 2010 the UKSC's costs for running the website, contracted to Atos/Logica who supply our IT service as part of the MoJ contracted IT service, have been £8,954.80p incl VAT. These costs are not broken down into the various categories covered in the request. Other costs incurred during the same period are as follows:

Website training

£920 incl VAT

Protective domain renewals (provider Logica)

£1314.83p incl VAT

Software for web manager and deputy -FTP, Dreamweaver, Photoshop. (provider Logica) £7201.96 incl VAT

The 2010/11 financial year budget allocation for running the website was £17709.60p incl VAT (again contracted to Atos/Logica). This budget is not broken down into the various categories covered in the request. We do not have budget information for any periods after the 2010/11 financial year.

There have been no re-designs, upgrades or separate versions of the website created since we went live on 1 October 2009. We do not hold any tendering information.

With regards to the request for internal staff costs this information could not be provided as we do not hold it. Any staff engaged on website work also undertake other functions and we do not have a work recording system which separates out staff time.

Justices' travel allowances – request received on 29 November 2010, reply sent on 16 December 2010

Q. What is the travel allowance of the Justices of the Supreme Court?
When was the travel allowance last increased and what was it previously set at?

A The UKSC came into being on 1 October 2009, consequently the details provided relate to the allowances applicable from that date. They have not been increased in the period since then. The UK travel allowances for official travel for Justices of the UKSC are as follows:

Rates of night subsistence allowance for visits away from London on official business which necessitate an overnight stay. The allowance consists of three elements:
Bed and breakfast hotel accommodation £100 per night
Daily allowance for lunch, dinner and travel between hotel and place(s) being visited £21
Personal expenditure allowance £5 per night

Day subsistence is payable when away from the office on official business for a day and meal costs are incurred. Separate rates apply according to the length of absence as follows:

More than 5 hours but less than 10 hours £4.25
10 hours but less than 12 hours £9.30
12 hours or more £13.55

Journeys on official business:

By rail - First class travel is allowed, in particular for long journeys.
By car - 40p per mile up to 10000 miles in the year ending 31 March
25p per mile for mileage in excess of 10000 miles in the same year.

The Supreme Court flag and crest – request received on 9 May 2010, reply sent on 1 June 2010

Q. When were the flag and crest designed and who designed them? How much were the designers paid for their services? Were other designers consulted? Was there competition? If so, who was involved, and was any payment made to unsuccessful firms? Are there any "alternate" versions of the flag (as in, any which were designed but not

taken up), and if so, please supply an electronic copy. Please provide a copy of your logo/crest guidelines, branding manual or equivalent document.

A. The UKSC flag was designed between February and May 2009 by Graham Bartram , Chief Vexillologist at the Flag Institute at a cost of £700. No other designers were consulted. There were a number of alternate designs proposed which were sent in electronic version to the requestor and are available on request.

In connection with the crest - or emblem as we describe it - the MoJ's Supreme Court Implementation Programme team were responsible for this work. We do not, therefore, hold a comprehensive set of information regarding the creation of the emblem. The information held by UKSC indicates that the emblem was designed between June 2007 and May 2008 by Yvonne Holton, Herald Painter of the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland. The remaining information about the design of the emblem was not held by UKSC. The requestor was referred to the MoJ.

An electronic version of the Emblem Guide was sent to the requestor and is available on request. The Emblem Guide shows that there are 3 versions of the emblem and that each can be used either in colour or black and white.

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