



ICO Disclosure Log – Response to Request

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1. What is the total cost of all cases that have been submitted to an Information Tribunal?

Information held is limited to the cost of Counsel instructed in the various appeals. Not all appeals have resulted in a hearing before the Tribunal. Information provided is for instructed Council.

2004/2005 Financial Year (part) (1 January 2005 to 31 March 2005)

There were no costs incurred in this year associated with Tribunal hearings.

2005/6 Financial Year (1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006)

Cost of Counsel instructed to represent the Commissioner at directions/preliminary/final hearings before the Tribunal amounted to £31,132.91 (incl VAT)

2006/7 Financial Year (1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007)

Cost of Counsel instructed to represent the Commissioner at directions/preliminary/final hearings before the Tribunal amounted to £94,123.39.

2007/8 Financial Year (part) (1 April 2007 to 6 June 2007)

Cost of Counsel instructed to represent the Commissioner at directions/preliminary/final hearings before the Tribunal amounted to £48,881.25.

Calculated total amount of fees paid to Counsel for representation at hearings before the Information Tribunal in the period from 1 January 2005 up to date of request is £174,137.55.

2. Since the enactment of the FOIA how many cases have been submitted to an Information Tribunal and what proportion this is of the number of decisions so far announced by the Information Commissioner?

From 1 January 2005 to the date of your request, the Information Commissioner has issued 574 Decision Notices, of which 162 have been appealed. This means that just over 28% of Decision Notices have been



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appealed. Below is a breakdown of this information by reference to each financial year.

2004/2005 Financial Year (part) (1 January 2005 to 31 March 2005)

We issued one Decision Notice in February 2005. There were no appeals made in this period.

2005/6 Financial Year (1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006)

We issued 187 Decision Notices in this period. There were 47 appeals made in the period.

2006/7 Financial Year (1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007)

We issued 335 Decision Notices in this period. There were 92 appeals made in the period.

2007/8 Financial Year (part) (1 April 2007 to 6 June 2007)

We issued 52 Decision Notices in this period. There were 23 appeals made in the period.