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FOI Reference: 51099

Date: 12 December 2018

Dear Axel Antoni,

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 November 2018, in which you asked for detail of the expenditure planned for advertising, outreach and legal advice – from start to finish of the EU Settlement Scheme; phased by month including actuals to date. You also asked for further breakdown of expenditure on legal advice. Your full request is shown at Annex A.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Home Office has calculated that the estimated costs for the EU Settlement Scheme have been arrived at an estimate within a range of between £360 - £410 million.

Under section 12(1) of the Act, the Home Office is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit. We have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would require us to reconcile the amounts estimated to have been calculated against contract values to external partners and suppliers which would exceed the cost limit of £600 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. We are therefore unable to comply with it.

To provide an accurate aggregate of the Home Office expected costs relating to EU exit matters would involve extracting information from various internal sources as well as other government agencies supporting our EU exit work. Considering the number of people that would be involved in ascertaining the information you seek; this information would cost in excess of £600 to supply.

Such an exercise will involve locating, retrieving and extracting information from various business areas including but not limited to: Home Office Commercial Directorate, Operational Delivery, Policy, Government Recruitment Service, Home Office Security and UK Security Vetting and other government departments who were involved in the tender

process, contract awards as well as vetting and on boarding of external consultants as well as the department's Digital, Data and Technology services team and Home Office estates.

If you refine your request, so that it is more likely to fall under the cost limit, we will consider it again. Please be aware that even if a revised request were to fall within the cost limit, it is possible that other exemptions in the Act might apply.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to [foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk), quoting reference 51099. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely

**EU Exit Immigration Portfolio Team**

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## Annex A – FOI request

From: Axel Antoni [mailto:request-532696-41f12db5@whatdotheyknow.com]

Sent: 14 November 2018 17:02

To: FOI Requests

Subject: 51099 - Freedom of Information request - Settled Status Scheme - Legal Advice, Outreach & Advertising cost

Dear Home Office,

Freedom of Information Request - Settled Status Scheme (“The Scheme”)

This request is referring to document “ Impact Assessment for EU Settlement Scheme” (IA No: HO0316 ) [https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukia/2018/116/pdfs/ukia\\_20180116\\_en.pdf](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukia/2018/116/pdfs/ukia_20180116_en.pdf)

Regarding above mentioned document I have the following information requests:

Request: Advertising, Outreach & Legal Advice Please confirm that advertising, outreach & legal advice to EU citizens form part of the £360 - £410 million and provide detail of expenditure planned for all separately from start to finish of the scheme - phased by month including actuals to date whether included or excluded from impact assessment.

Request: Legal Advice - breakdown

Please provide detail of expenditure set aside for providing legal advice to EU citizens split by:

- 1) NGOs
- 2) Internal providers
- 3) Other external providers

Yours faithfully,

Axel Antoni