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Dear Axel Antoni

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 November 2018, in which you ask for a breakdown of internal & external costs, gross cost (undiscounted) excluding capital cost of £360 - £410 million as quoted in the "Impact Assessment for EU Settlement Scheme" (IA No: HO0316). You have asked for this to be broken down between a) Internal cost and b) Outsourced/External cost of which you have asked for the outsourced/external costs to be broken down further by i) Outsourced processing; ii) Consultancy and iii) Other external cost. You have also asked to be provided with a breakdown of external cost for the scheme for Outsourced/External cost by supplier in line with the "Crown Commercial Service Publication of Central Government Tenders and Contracts - Central Government Transparency Guidance Note". 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 Consultancy firms 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 51096. 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

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