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**Our ref: 3486489**

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Dear Mr Kermode

We write further to your request, received 26 October 2023, which states:

*"Please can you provide the following information:*

*1. What was the total amount of money paid to external lawyers (i.e. not in-house AG lawyers and whether to firms in the IOM or UK) by the AG's Chambers for work undertaken on behalf of the AG's Chambers in 2022 (to include all instructions such as advice as well as representation in civil and criminal courts)?*

*2. What was such sum for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?*

*Thank you."*

Please find below our response to your request:

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance a practical refusal reason applies to some of the information requested, under section 11(3)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2015 ("the Act"), as complying with the request for information would require the public authority to do one or more of the matters mentioned in section 8(3) of the Act [things a public authority is not required to do by the Act], ie 8(3)(a) [create or derive information from information that it holds]; (b) [undertake research into, or analysis of, information that it holds]; and (c) [undertake substantial compilation or collation of information that it holds].

However, information relevant to your request and which is readily identifiable and accessible, is provided below:

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£280,270

## **2. What was such sum for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**

2018 - £89,196  
2019 - £228,504  
2020 - £249,940  
2021 - £268,274

### **Your right to request a review**

Please quote the reference number 3486489 in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post.

An electronic version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at <https://services.gov.im/freedom-of-information/Review> . If you would like a paper version of our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.


More detailed information on your right to a review can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at [www.inforights.im](http://www.inforights.im).

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about freedom of information requests can be found at [www.gov.im/foi](http://www.gov.im/foi).

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

  
Head of Crown