

DWP Strategy Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: Fol 2837

DATE: 23 August 2016

Dear Mr Powell,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received 2 August 2016. You asked:

*“Please kindly provide the total legal cost incurred by the DWP in trying to withhold this information from the public domain specifically within the realms of the request detailed here: <http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2016/758.html> (backup held here <http://freepdfhosting.com/a453708a98.pdf> )”*

The information the Department holds in relation to your request show that legal fees total £92, 249.86. This figure includes litigation costs as well as Counsel and court fees.

Employment programmes help thousands of people every year gain new skills and experience to get into work. The Department challenged the decision to release the names of employers involved in the initiative to protect the employment schemes from the negative lobbying of a small number of individuals who want to stop us helping people get into work.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

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**Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing [freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner’s Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)