

Our Ref: 2018-150

Date: September 2018

Subject: Spend on External Law Firms

This request asked:

I would like to know the amount of money your department spent on the services of external law firms and barristers for the year ending March 31st 2018.

Please exclude legal services provided by the Government Legal Department. However, please include legal services that the Government Legal Department has outsourced to a third party.

You can approximate spending levels, i.e. if you are not able to provide the exact figures, you can give us your best estimate.

Please note that the figure we have requested should exclude spending by your department on the GLD (Government Legal Department) and its predecessor the TSoL (Treasury Solicitor's Department).

Please see the below table. As requested this data excludes fees paid to legal services provided by the Government Legal Department.

	2017-18
Fees to Counsel	£11,283,879
Law Firms	£503,711
Total	£11,787,590*

**These figures include case related, civil litigation and non-case related fees.*
