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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference: F24-003**

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Thank you for your email of 13 March 2024. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'FOI Act').

Request

You requested the following information:

**How much money was spent taking the job running the restoration and renewal team in house? In other words, how much was spent in total taking the work of the sponsor body into an in-house team.**

**This should include (and be broken down into) the consultation costs, the cost of paying compensation to workers who were let go, the cost of recruiting more workers, and anything else.**

Our Response

We hold the information you have requested.

By way of background, in July 2022 the Commissions of both Houses of Parliament agreed a new approach to the Restoration and Renewal works, giving them joint oversight of the Programme. As part of this, a Client Team, a joint department of the two Houses, was established to take on the sponsorship function and the Sponsor Body was abolished.

Following this new approach, the Delivery Authority undertook work to review the Statutory Instrument which abolished the Sponsor Body and updated its Company Articles and other company filings. This included revising the Articles of Association, the Programme Delivery Agreement, Board Regulations, and the company's filings on Companies House.

The Delivery Authority sought external legal advice to support this work. The total cost of this external legal support was £18,712.00 excluding VAT.

The Delivery Authority does not hold any other recorded information on costs it incurred as a result of the abolition of Sponsor Body.

As the Sponsor Body responsibilities were transferred to the Client Team, you may wish to submit a Freedom of Information request to them for further information on any costs incurred. Details on how to

do so can be found on the UK Parliament's website: <https://www.parliament.uk/site-information/freedom-of-information/how-to-make-a-request/>

### Further Information

Information provided in this response is correct at this time, however work on the Houses of Parliament Restoration & Renewal Programme continues, and any outcomes may ultimately differ from those presented herein.

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service that you have received in relation to your request, please contact us in the first instance and we will seek to reach an informal resolution. If you remain dissatisfied, then you may ask for an internal review. If you ask for an internal review of the decision, we will acknowledge this request and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome. The following outcomes are possible:

- The original decision is upheld; or
- The original decision is reversed or modified.

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review then you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for undertaking internal reviews and the timescale will depend upon the complexity of the matter.

We would normally endeavour to complete such reviews within 20 working days of acknowledgement, and exceptionally within 40 working days. We will keep you informed of the progress of the review. If you wish to request a review you should contact [foi@r-r.org.uk](mailto:foi@r-r.org.uk). If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, then you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the 'Making a Complaint' section of their website or by phone on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely

The Information Request Team