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Date
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Post Office
100 Wood Street
London EC2V 9ER

Your Ref:

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Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2024/01257

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited (“**Post Office**”) on 10 September 2024, which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“**FOIA**”).

In your email you have requested the information shown verbatim in bold below:

“Since the Post Office scandal came to light through the Fraser judgment, how much has the Post Office paid in total through each of these schemes?”

**Horizon Shortfall Scheme
Group Litigation Order Scheme
Overturned Convictions Scheme
Horizon Convictions Redress Scheme**

How many claims have been made through each scheme and how many have been settled?

We can confirm that Post Office does hold some information that you have requested.

The Horizon Shortfall Scheme (“HSS”) is administered by Post Office and funded by the Government who have ultimate oversight of the scheme.

The information you have requested can be found on the Post Office Corporate website here: <https://corporate.postoffice.co.uk/en/horizon-scandal-pages/horizon-shortfall-scheme-latest-data-on-progress/> and the Government website here: [New independent appeals system for postmasters impacted by Horizon scandal - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

The Group Litigation Order (“GLO”) which is administered by the Department of Business and Trade (“DBT”) not Post Office, is available on the Government website here: [Post Office Horizon financial redress data for 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The information that you have requested on the Overturned Convictions Scheme (“OCS”) which is administered by Post Office is available from the Post Office Corporate website here: <https://corporate.postoffice.co.uk/en/horizon-scandal-pages/overturned-convictions-and-financial-redress-information-on-progress/> and also available on the Government website here: [Post Office Horizon financial redress data for 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Horizon Convictions Redress Scheme (“HCRS”) is being administered by Government and details of the scheme can be found here: [Register for the Horizon Convictions Redress Scheme \(HCRS\): Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

The Government’s webpage included above provides data on a monthly basis for all 4 schemes, the HSS, GLO, OCS and HCRS: [Post Office Horizon financial redress data as of 30 August 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

As the information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, under section 21 of the FOIA, Post Office are not required to provide a copy of the information with this response.

In the last year, what has been the total spent on external legal advice relating to these compensation schemes?

We can confirm that the total spend on external legal advice from 01 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 was £23.6m. We have included within this spend all legal

advice for all compensation schemes, whether administered by Post Office or the Government.

How many external lawyers are currently assigned to working on these schemes? Please also give their status (ie partner, solicitor, trainee, paralegal) and hourly rate agreed for each rank of lawyer.”

We can confirm that Post Office does not hold the information you have requested. The number of external lawyers working on the OC and the HSS is determined by the specific external legal adviser, and this can vary at any given point. Please note that we have only considered the scope of this part of your request to cover the OC and the HSS scheme, as the remainder of compensation schemes are administered by Government.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of this response, you do have a right to request an internal review. You can do this by writing to the address above within 40 working days of receipt of this response stating your reasons for your internal review request or alternatively, by emailing information.rights@postoffice.co.uk.

If, having requested an internal review by Post Office, you are still not satisfied with our response you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Yours sincerely,

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