



Date
08 August 2024

Post Office
100 Wood Street
London EC2V 9ER

Your Ref:

Classification:
Public

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2024/00779

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited (“**Post Office**”) on 9 May, 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:

“Between 1st January 2000 and today's date, how much in fees has been paid to Cartwright King (incl. any previous names) for their role in the Post Office Horizon IT scandal? Please list your response by year.

"Post Office Horizon IT scandal" should be interpreted to include any work relating to prosecutions of sub-postmasters, the Cartwright King sift review, the Clarke Advice, any involvement in the group litigation, remediation, and the Horizon IT Public Inquiry.”

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding. We can confirm that Post Office does hold some of the information you have requested.

Please note that Post Office and Royal Mail Group separated in 2012. Due to the separation our finance system only holds information going back to 2014. However, we have been able to locate a previous spreadsheet from 2013/14 that sets out the total sums paid. Please see the below table showing the total fees from 2013/14 onwards (these may include fees as well as disbursements such as fees paid to

counsel and/or any other external expert service provider in relation to the advice), these are irrecoverable VAT adjusted and are accounting basis.

Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Fee	286,888	265,794	67,568	5,640	0	0	0	12,025

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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