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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Climate/Net Zero staff and consultant spending.

We received this request on 23 April 2026. We wrote to you on 22 May 2026 to say we needed more time to consider the public interest in withholding or disclosing the information and we have now concluded this. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'FOI Act').

Your request & our response

please provide the following recorded information.

From the last 3 financial year's budgeted figures (2022/23, 23/24, 24/25):

1. Climate-related posts

a) The number of posts if any (headcount, and FTE where recorded) employed with job titles that include any of the following terms:

Climate; Net Zero; Sustainability; Carbon; Emissions; Environmental Sustainability; Climate Change; Climate Action; Climate Policy; Climate Programme; Climate Project; Climate Data; Climate Reporting; Climate Adaptation; Climate Resilience; Energy and Climate; Sustainable Procurement; Green Finance; Green.

Zero.

2. Cost of those posts

The total employment cost for the posts (if any) identified in Question 1, including salary and employer on-costs (e.g. pension and National Insurance), as recorded.

Zero – as not applicable. See above.

3. External consultants

The total amount paid during the same financial year to external consultants, companies, or contractors where the expenditure is recorded under any cost centre, project code, budget line, or purchase description that includes one or more of the following terms:

Climate; Net Zero; Sustainability; Carbon; Emissions; Environmental Sustainability; Climate Change; Climate Action; Climate Policy; Climate Programme; Climate Project; Climate Data; Climate

Reporting; Climate Adaptation; Climate Resilience; Energy and Climate; Sustainable Procurement; Green Finance; Green.

This should include, but not be limited to, expenditure coded to professional services, consultancy, advisory services, or specialist support.

If you do not record expenditure in this way, please provide the closest equivalent recorded information held (for example, totals by relevant cost centre or project).

We spent a total of £64,225 on 8 services that we understand fall in scope of your request, including services for audit reports, water and waste, training and legal. The total above are borne from both our role as an employer and tenant of buildings, as well as our role as a regulator supporting our sectors.

Yours sincerely,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress. Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).