



HEADQUARTERS
One Lochside
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Edinburgh
EH12 9DJ

Our Ref: HQ25167

5 August 2025

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 5 July 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: “How much has SPS spent on External legal advice over the last 5 years. Can this be broken down year by year.”

RFI 2: “Does SPS have an internal legal department. If so how much has been spent in salaries on this dept. over the last 5 years? please break this down year by year.”

We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

RFI 1 Response: Please see table below:

Year	Amount (£'s)
2020 - 21	400,622
2021 - 22	551,046
2022 - 23	586,611
2023 - 24	891,516
2024 - 25	1,618,782

RFI 2 Response: Please see table below:

Year	Amount (£'s)
2020 - 21	445,905
2021 - 22	578,015
2022 - 23	599,965
2023 - 24	626,155
2024 - 25	853,124

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to conduct an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be conducted and should be made within forty working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within twenty working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager