

Annex

Request

1. For each of the last 10 financial years, and the current financial year to 18.10.18 please state:

- the number of legal disputes between your department and other central government departments and non-departmental government bodies.

For each, please provide

-A list of the court cases related to the dispute, with current status (resolved or ongoing) -Total time period of the dispute from bringing of proceedings until conclusion.

-Total cost in legal fees and related administration costs to your department

2. For each of the last 10 financial years, and the current financial year to 18.10.18 please supply the number of legal disputes between yours department and a UK local council (including district, county, borough, unitary, parish).

For each, please provide

-A list of the court cases related to the dispute with current status (resolved or ongoing) -Total time period of the dispute from bringing of proceedings until conclusion.

-Total cost in legal fees and related administration costs to your department.

3. For each of the last 10 financial years, and the current financial year to 18.10.18 please state the number of legal disputes between your department and a regional mayoral department.

For each, please provide

-A list of the court cases related to the dispute, with current status (resolved or ongoing) -Total time period of the dispute from bringing of proceedings until conclusion.

-Total cost in legal fees and related administration costs to your department

Following a request for clarification as to what constitutes a legal dispute, you confirmed on 30 October 2018 the following:

In terms of the definition of legal dispute, for absolute clarity, it may be best to split this term into two parts.

1) *Please provide information on all incidents that resulted in a case being heard in UK court.*

2) *Please provide information on all incidents that were subject to a legal dispute (such as the sending of letters before action) but were settled out of court, if this can be provided within the cost limit set out under the FOIA.*

Response

In respect of questions 1 and 3, we confirm that between 6 April 2008 and 18 October 2018 there were no legal disputes between the FSA and any other central government department, non-departmental body or regional mayoral department.

In respect of question 2, we confirm:

- that there were 7 legal disputes between the FSA and a UK local council (including district, country, borough, unitary and parish) between 6 April 2008 and 18 October 2018;
- none of these 7 legal disputes resulted in a case being heard in a UK Court, and all are now resolved;
- in respect of each of these 7 legal disputes the total cost in legal fees to the FSA was £5 per dispute;
- in respect of each of these 7 legal disputes, we are unable to quantify any related administration costs to the FSA arising from the dispute, due to the length of time which has passed since the dispute and this FOI request.