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## Request

"For the FSA's London office:

For the financial year 2017/18 the total amount spent on executively planned, diarised team building activities and away days designed to foster cohesion among staff"

## Response

As was decided upon during the clarification stage and agreed with by yourself on 28 December 2018, for the purposes of the request the "FSA's London office" has been taken to mean the Directorates of Policy, Legal Strategy & Governance and Openness Data & Digital as these are all predominantly London-based. The total figure also includes the costs of a major staff event, which while wasn't expressly related to team-building, or an awayday as such, we believe would fall in scope, as it was an event that was at least in part designed to foster cohesion.

Taking the three aforementioned Directorates into account, along with the staff event, the total amount spent on executively planned, diarised team building activities and away days designed to foster cohesion among staff for the financial year 2017/18 was £48,959.08. Please note that these costs exclude travel and subsistence.