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Subject of Request: Freedom of Information Request - Legal Costs

Your Request:

Please provide cost of legal services during the most recently available financial year. Please split between in house and external advisers and if externals are used please send a copy of your framework agreement or invitation to tender.

Information Response:

I can inform you that SEEDA does not employ any internal legal advisers and uses the services of external suppliers where required. Legal suppliers are selected from the SEEDA Legal Services Panel System or from government catalogues. Please find attached the ITT for the legal services panel and an example of a contract.

I can also inform you that the total cost of external legal support for financial year 2006/7 was £1,852,128. This expenditure was allocated across 42 suppliers, and represents advice across a broad spectrum of expertise including major property acquisitions and disposals.