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## Freedom of Information Request – Legal Spend

### External Legal Spend

<b><i>For the most recently available financial year, how much did you spend on external legal services?</i></b>	
<b>£1 - £2m</b>	In year April 2007 to March 2008.
<b><i>What proportion was spent on:</i></b>	
<b><i>a) external solicitors?</i></b>	100%
<b><i>b) counsel fees?</i></b>	Nil

### Internal Legal Spend

<b><i>For the most recently available financial year, how much did you spend on internal legal services?</i></b>	
<b>£0 - £100k</b>	SEEDA does not maintain an internal legal services capability.
<b><i>Do any other government departments do legal work for you? If so, please give details for the most recently available financial year.</i></b>	
No	
<b><i>Please detail the size of your in-house team.</i></b>	
SEEDA does not employ an in-house legal team.	

### Special Projects

<b><i>Are any special projects included in your general budget figures? E.g. any one off projects such as regeneration schemes, which might be included within the figures you are quoting in answer to my questions about external and internal legal spend. If so, please give details.</i></b>
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Approximately 90% of SEEDA's legal spend is on regeneration schemes.

**Panel**

<b><i>Do you currently operate a legal panel?</i></b>
Yes
<b><i>If so, what is its scope, and how long is the appointment?</i></b>
Panel is on a 4 year contract and scope includes 4 lots: Property & Planning European Law Company/Commercial Corporate Regulatory
<b><i>When does your current panel expire?</i></b>
July 2011
<b><i>Do you have a framework agreement? If so, please could I have a copy?</i></b>
Yes. Agreement attached.

**Firms**

<b><i>Which external law firms do you currently use?</i></b>
Bevan Brittan
Blake Laphorn Tarlo Lyons
CMS Cameron Mckenna
Denton Wilde Sapte
DLA Piper
DMH Stallard
Eversheds
Field Fisher Waterhouse
Hammonds
Lawrence Graham
Nabarro Nathanson
Pinsent Masons
Shoosmiths

**Catalist**

***Do you use the Catalist framework for the provision of legal services?***

No

Attachment: SEEDA Legal Services Panel Contract