

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6556 FU

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Thank you for your request for further information regarding your FOI request reference FOI/GS/ID 6556 and the information disclosed.

Your questions:

1. You have provided me with the expenses on translation and interpreting. I understand this cannot be split any further, so it includes written and oral, thanks for providing this info. Can you please clarify whether it includes British Sign Language (BSL)? If yes, do you have any data on the spending on BSL for those years so I can subtract it from the totals?

2. Do you have any data on the languages covered? Just to clarify, I do not need a breakdown of costs per language, just a list of languages that you had requests for over those five years. Any data you can share would be greatly appreciated.

3. I am afraid my second question was not clear and I apologise for that. I would be interested in the Expenditure Budget (including financing) of your organisation for each of those financial years. It is probably something like a few hundred million pounds per annum. Can you help with this, please?

Trust response:

1. Yes it includes BSL. To gather this information would require the Trust to go through each month's expenditure line by line. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

2. Languages change from month to month but some of the most common used languages are:
Bulgarian, Nepali, Bengali, Polish, Romanian, Arabic, Albanian, BSL, Kurdish Sorani, Russian

3.

Expenditure budgets:

POSTING YEAR	Budget £m
1516	414.3
1617	450.3
1718	431.1
1819	460.6
1920	506.6