



LEGAL SERVICES
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**Letter confirming the outcome of internal review
(Ref: 20190717/01)**

We refer to your email of 17 July 2019 where you requested information on the Legal Services Board's "*expenditure over £25,000 from March 2019 to present*" and our response of 26 July 2019.

Further to your request received on 31 July 2019 for a review of our response, we have now conducted such a review and the decision dated 26 July 2019 has been overturned for the following reasons.

We consider that the public interest in disclosure of the information requested outweighs the public interest in the exemption under s22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 being maintained in the circumstances of your request. There is public interest in the LSB, as a public body, being transparent and accountable about how it spends funds, particularly sums over £25,000.

We note that initially we withheld disclosure on the basis that the information is published by the Ministry of Justice as part of its routine practice for non-departmental public bodies it sponsors. However, we also note that you commented that this has not occurred since the publication of figures for February 2019.

Please therefore find **enclosed** information held by the LSB falling within the scope of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

casework@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

General Counsel

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Excel spreadsheet: FoI request transactions over 25k 1 March to July 2019

Transactions over £25,000

Entity
Legal Services Board

Period	Transaction date	Amount	Description	Supplier	Expense type	Expense area
Feb-19		NIL				
Mar-19		NIL				
Apr-19	11/04/2019	27,895.20	Legal Needs survey research	The Law Society	Research	Regulatory
	11/04/2019	33,270.00	Tracker survey	YouGov	Research	Regulatory
	17/04/2019	41,528.00	Rent	Office of Rail & Road Regulation	Accommodation	Corporate
May-19		NIL				
Jun-19		NIL				
Jul-19	04/07/2019	41,528.00	Rent	Office of Rail & Road Regulation	Accommodation	Corporate