

GAMBLING COMMISSION

**Response (for the request, please see below)
24 November 2008**

INFO 09/27

I am writing to confirm that the Gambling Commission has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 13 November 2008.

The information is provided as follows:

The number of employees working in Communications for the financial year
2006-07 – 5

The number of employees working in Communications for the financial year
2007-08 – 5

The total for money spent on communications related work in the financial year
2006-07 - £494,362

The total for money spent on communications related work in the financial year
2007-08 - £492,799

Request

FOI Team

Freedom of information request for details of the number of staff employed in – and the total cost of – communications at the Gambling Commission in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to obtain information about the staff and spending dedicated to communications at the Gambling Commission in the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (where relevant).

To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting:

1. A total for the number of employees working in 'communications', for the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (where relevant). This total should include – but not be limited to – all those whose responsibilities directly entail communication work (i.e press officers, public liaison officers, external relations) plus all auxiliary staff dedicated to supporting the 'communication' team.

2. A total for money spent on communications related work (including – but not limited to – salaries and benefits paid to the relevant employees listed above, cost of promotional materials, press launches, etc) in the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08.

If the Gambling Commission was not in operation during 2006-07, please continue to provide information for 2007-08.

My preferred format to receive this information is electronically, but if that is not possible I will gladly accept hard copies. I understand that under the Freedom of Information Act, I am entitled to a response within 20 working days.