

GAMBLING COMMISSION

Response (for the request, please see below)
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The information requested is in a form and format provided by the requester

Freedom of information Act Request

Please mark boxes as appropriate.

External Legal Spend

For the most recently available financial year, how much did you spend on external legal services?	
£0 - £100k	
£100 - £250k	
£250 - £500k	X
£500 - £750k	
£750k - £1m	
£1 - £2m	
£2m+	
What proportion was spent on:	
a) external solicitors?	£373,000
b) counsel fees?	£32,500

Internal Legal Spend

For the most recently available financial year, how much did you spend on internal legal services?	
£0 - £100k	
£100 - £250k	X
£250 - £500k	
£500 - £750k	
£750k - £1m	
£1 - £2m	
£2m+	
Do any other government departments do legal work for you? If so, please give details for the most recently available financial year.	
No.	
Please detail the size of your in-house team.	
The team comprises 2 solicitors and a trainee solicitor. The team also includes 2 regulatory panel secretaries.	

Special Projects

Are any special projects included in your general budget figures? For example, 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.
No

Panel

Do you currently operate a legal panel?
Yes
If so, what is its scope, and how long is the appointment?
The Commission's panel includes 2 law firms in England and a firm in Scotland. They provide advice on a range of matters including public and regulatory law matters, litigation and prosecutions. The appointments were initially for 3 years, with the possibility of extension.
When does your current panel expire?
December 2010.
Do you have a framework agreement? If so, please could I have a copy?
No.

Firms

Which external law firms do you currently use?
Gregory Rowcliffe Milners, Wragge & Co and Brodies.

Catalist

Do you use the Catalist framework for the provision of legal services?	
We have done in the past, but don't use it now.	
If so, which categories do you use?	
All	
IT Telecommunications and E-Commerce	
Property and Estates	
Construction	
Employment & Pensions	
Corporate Finance	
Intellectual Property	
Full Commercial	
Major Projects	

Request

I am writing to request some information about your organisation, under the Freedom of Information Act. I have attached a Word document containing a number of questions, in a simple, easy to answer format.

It would be much appreciated if you could complete this form, and return it to me at this email address. Alternatively, you can return it to me by post, at the following address: *REDACTED*