



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Request on Legal Advice Costs***

**Request:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with copies of the following:

The amount spent by your council on external legal advice each year since 2010.

2010 = £1,987,234.11

2011 = £240,065.35

2012 = £2,488,033.93

2013 = £2,203,399.50

2014 = We are in the process of closing our accounts for 2014/2015 and therefore we do not have an accurate figure to give you at the moment. We shall have our year-end figures at the end of April and would be happy to forward these on to you when complete.

The annual salary of your council's chief legal officer for each year since 2010.

See the table on the following page.

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Year	Post Title	Salaries, Fees and Allowances	Expenses Allowances	Termination Benefits	Employers' Pension Contribution	West Midlands Pension Fund Responsibilities	Total Remuneration
		£	£	£	£	£	£
2013/14	Chief Legal Officer	131,467					<b>131,467</b>
2012/13	Assistant Director - Governance	63,503	599	139,200	10,974	5,307	<b>219,583</b>
2011/12	Assistant Director - Governance	83,150	963		16,647	8,315	<b>109,075</b>
2010/11	Chief Legal Officer	89,077	963		16,050	8,244	<b>114,334</b>
2009/10	Chief Legal Officer	82,437	906		15,416	8,244	<b>107,003</b>