



Freedom of Information Request FOI 19 36

Wildfires

Query and response:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Legislation to request the following information, which I would like to receive in electronic form:

1. The estimated expenditure by the department on tackling forest fires / wild fires per year beginning in 2014.

We do not hold information relating to the cost of each incident and therefore, are unable to provide the estimated expenditure by the Service on tackling wildfires. We can only advise that on average a crew of five attending an incident for one hour, including a 10 mile round trip would be approximately £125. This is the average cost associated with either a wholetime crew or a retained crew attending an incident, including salary costs.

2. The overall operational budget of the department per year beginning in 2014.

The operational budget information that you have requested is publicly available. Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case we are claiming the following exemptions to the information that you have requested:

“Information accessible by other means” in Section 21 of the Act.

The information requested can be found via the following link:

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/about-us/what-we-spend/statement-of-accounts/>

3. The number of forest fires/wild fires dealt with by the department per year beginning in 2014.

Year	Number of wildfire incidents
2014	232
2015	277
2016	231
2017	253
2018	528
2019 YTD	94