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Dear ,

Our ref: FOI2025/01530

Thank you for your email of 31 January under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Your full request is attached.

You have asked for the painting costs involved in the recent refurbishment of the media suite in 9 Downing Street.

We do not hold the specific information you have requested. This is because the department has not yet received a final invoice for these works.

Outside the terms of the Act, you may wish to know the quote for the relevant portion of the works was £6,037.50.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

Incoming request

My request relates to this answer to a Parliamentary Question.

Q: To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse was of repainting the Downing Street media room.

A: Information will be published in due course in the Cabinet Office's dataset detailing expenditure above £25,000, which is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cabinet-office-spend-data>

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Please provide the information requested in this question.

Section 22 will not apply, as it specifically asks about the costs of painting. The OCS invoice for the works is not to be published in due course. The gov.uk spending data will only give a headline, final figure for spending on contractors, not the breakdown of the costs. Therefore this specific information on painting is not due for future publication. Indeed, if OCS has undertaken other works, the cost may be bundled into a wider payment from the Cabinet Office to the facilities management company, OCS.

It is in the public interest that there is transparency on how taxpayers' money is spent, especially as there was no business need to change the colour of the media room.



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