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Sir Martyn Oliver
His Majesty's Chief Inspector

Sent by email to: hayesj@parliament.uk

Dear Sir John

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER 66895

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much Ofsted has spent on equipment to enable staff to work from home in each of the last three years.

Your recent Parliamentary Question has been passed to me for response as His Majesty's Chief Inspector for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills.

The table below shows the amount Ofsted has spent on equipment to enable staff to work from home in each of the last three financial years.

| Year | Expenditure |
|---------|--------------|
| 2022–23 | £0.5 million |
| 2023–24 | £0.2 million |
| 2024–25 | £0.2 million |

As of 30 June 2025, 98% (998) of our inspector workforce is home based. The majority of an inspector's working week is spent on-site conducting inspections and monitoring visits. When not on-site or travelling, inspectors typically work from home, carrying out inspection-related administrative tasks, or they are attending training and team meetings.

For office based staff, Ofsted has a 60% minimum office attendance policy, in line with the common expectation for 60% office attendance across civil service departments.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



Sir Martyn Oliver
His Majesty's Chief Inspector