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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 91093

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much Ofsted has spent on translation and interpretation services in each of the last five 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 Ofsted's expenditure on translation and interpretation services in each of the last five financial years:

Financial year	Expenditure (£)
2020-21	9,000
2021-22	13,000
2022-23	37,000
2023-24	59,000
2024-25	71,000

Please note, the lower values of expenditure on translation and interpretation services in 2020-21 and 2021-22 reflect the lower inspection volumes in those years due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. While Ofsted continued to carry out regulatory activity and essential demand-led inspections during this time, routine inspection was paused. Ofsted did not return to a full programme of routine school and further education and skills inspections until September 2021.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



Sir Martyn Oliver
His Majesty's Chief Inspector