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15 November 2018  
Reference: F0003984

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 19 October 2018, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

*'I write to ask for information under the freedom of information act.*

*1. For each of the last 10 financial years, and the current financial year to 18.10.18 please state:*

- the number of legal disputes between your department and other central government departments and non-departmental government bodies.*

*For each, please provide*

- A list of the court cases related to the dispute, with current status (resolved or ongoing) -*
- Total time period of the dispute from bringing of proceedings until conclusion.*
- Total cost in legal fees and related administration costs to your department*

*2. For each of the last 10 financial years, and the current financial year to 18.10.18 please supply the number of legal disputes between yours department and a UK local council (including district, county, borough, unitary, parish).*

*For each, please provide*

- A list of the court cases related to the dispute with current status (resolved or ongoing) -*
- Total time period of the dispute from bringing of proceedings until conclusion.*
- Total cost in legal fees and related administration costs to your department.*

*3.For each of the last 10 financial years, and the current financial year to 18.10.18 please state the number of legal disputes between your department and a regional mayoral department.*

*For each, please provide*

- A list of the court cases related to the dispute, with current status (resolved or ongoing) -*
- Total time period of the dispute from bringing of proceedings until conclusion.*
- Total cost in legal fees and related administration costs to your department'*

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Aviation House Gatwick Airport South Gatwick RH6 0YR. [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk)

Email: [foi.requests@caa.co.uk](mailto:foi.requests@caa.co.uk)

Our response:

Having considered your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are able to provide some of the information requested.

With regard to points one and three, the CAA does not hold any information related to these requests.

With regard to point two, there has been one case between the CAA and the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames Council, who issued a claim in the High Court of Justice Administrative Court for Judicial Review, which is now resolved.

This dispute commenced in August 2015 and concluded in December 2015.

The legal costs associated with this dispute amounted to £7,629.60 inclusive of VAT and Counsel's fees. There is no record of the administrative costs incurred by the CAA in dealing with this dispute.

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Caroline Chalk  
Head of External Information Services  
Civil Aviation Authority  
Aviation House  
Gatwick Airport South  
Gatwick  
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[caroline.chalk@caa.co.uk](mailto:caroline.chalk@caa.co.uk)

The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office  
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
SK9 5AF  
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=24>.

Yours sincerely



Jade Fitzgerald  
Information Rights Officer

**CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.