



Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Fol Response



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CMS Case Number: 112410

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 18th February 2008 requesting the information relating to about use of soap and water in departmental toilets.

Please note that your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Under the Act, you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information, unless the information is considered exempt from disclosure under the Act.

We are pleased to be able to provide you with the information you have requested.

1) How many toilets do you have in your Whitehall office?

Our office at 2-4 Cockspur Street, London has 59 WCs and 10 urinals.

2) What capacity are the cisterns and if they're on automatic flushes how often do they flush?

WCs have 7lt cisterns with dual flush. Urinals have 4.5lt cisterns and flush every 10 minutes.

3) How many toilet rolls did you use in the financial year 2007-2008?

504 toilet rolls and 8970 packs of folded toilet paper (for use in dispensers).

4) How much did you spend on toilet rolls in the financial year 2007-2008?

£4894.60.

5) How much hand soap did you use in litres in the financial year 2007-2008?

180 litres.

6) How much did you spend on hand soap in the financial year 2007-2008?

£569.10.

7) If possible to calculate, how much water was flushed in litres during the financial year 2007-2008?

The Department does not record this information.

8) How many members of staff work in your Whitehall office?

614 full time equivalent members of staff work in the Cockspur Street office. This number includes staff such as contractors who are not employed by the Department as civil servants.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this letter to:

FOI Central Team,
Public Engagement and Recognition Unit
Department for Culture Media and Sport,
2-4 Cockspur Street, London,
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You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning his investigation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards

Freedom of Information Case Manager
Freedom of Information Central Team