



Department for Culture, Media and Sport  
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CMS Case Number: 113447

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 4<sup>th</sup> March asking for 2008 requesting the information relating to overpayments between staff and contractors.

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 some of the information you have requested.

### **Staff**

**1. How many civil servants employed by the department received a salary overpayment in each of the following two years: 2006/07 and 2007/08?**

2006/07- 6 DCMS staff received an overpayment

2007/2008- 4 DCMS received an overpayment.

**2. What was the total financial value (in pounds) of salary payments made to civil servants employed by the department in 2006/07 and 2007/08?**

2006/07 -£17,334,247.45

2007/08 -£17,748,825.33.

These figures related to basic pay allowance basic pay and allowance.

**3. How many civil servants paid back these salary overpayments in 2006/07 and 2007/08?**

2006/07- 3 of these staff paid back their overpayment in full within the tax year and 3 paid back their overpayments in full in the next tax year.

2007/08- 2 of these staff paid back their overpayment in full in the next tax year

**4. How much - in pounds - of these salary overpayments was returned in 2006/07 and 2007/08?**

2006/07- £4756.42

2007/08- £5805.37

### Contractors

- 1. How many contractors working for the department received an overpayment in excess of the contractual entitlement in each of the following years: 2006/07 and 2007/08?*
- 2. What was the total financial value (in pounds) of payments made to contractors in excess of their contract?*
- 3. How many of these contractors paid back these overpayments in 2006/07 and 2007/08?*
- 4. How much – in pounds – was returned to the department in 2006/07 and 2007/08?*

Unfortunately, we are unable to respond to your request for information relating to contractors without obtaining further details relate. Please clarify whether you require information on contractors paid through the payroll or information on third party service providers, which would include ICT, financial management, maintenance, catering and records management. This will help is to determine what type of information falls within the scope of your request.

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