

**HOUSE OF LORDS**  
**APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION**  
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**Ref: HOLAC FOI 2024/1**

15 January 2024

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request, which the House of Lords Appointments Commission (the Commission) received on 16 June 2023.

You asked:

*Please provide me with the following information for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.*

*All expenditure made by your organisation, in every facet of its operations and purview, on translation, interpretation, and language services.*

*Please provide the aggregated total spent by your organisation and then, if possible, please provide this broken down by particular function for which the service was carried out.*

We are writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that the information you requested is not held by the House of Lords Appointments Commission (HOLAC).

HOLAC is an Arms Length Body which is staffed by the Cabinet Office from the Honours and Appointments Secretariat. Were the Commission to require any such services, these would be provided by the Cabinet Office, and they would therefore hold the relevant data for this request. You may wish to contact the Cabinet Office Freedom of Information team for further information at [foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk). Should you wish to do so, your request would need to be refined to cover a specific team within the Cabinet Office.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may write to the Secretary to the Commission, Alison Bennett, to ask for an internal review by another person not involved with this request. Please note that we will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by HOLAC.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely,

**Secretariat to the House of Lords Appointments Commission**