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Ref No: 2010/03

07 May 2010

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 08 April 2010 requesting information on the following three points:

1. Is it possible to know what was the estimated cost of bringing Dr Jane Anne Barton's case to High Court so that CHRE could appeal GMC decision? Similarly, do you know how much it cost GMC? Estimates will do.
2. How much did CHRE had to pay for legal advice regarding the case of Dr Jane Anne Barton plus all other of your costs included following you taking up this referral? An estimate will do.
3. Would it be fair to say that if the CHRE is funded by the government and there are serious debt issues around in economy it would have affected CHRE as well?

Our response is as follows:

1. We do not hold an estimated cost of appealing the GMC's final fitness to practise committee's decision in the Dr Barton case. If we were to have appealed the case, costs would have been dependent on a number of factors including the outcome of the appeal and whether it was settled before the hearing.

We do not hold the information on the GMC's costs. You would need to approach the GMC for this information.

2. The information requested is as follows:

7,716.23	Actual solicitors fees
13265.77	Actual counsel fee
6,000.00	Estimated unbilled solicitors fees
<b>26,982.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

3. This is not a request for recorded information and therefore does not fall under the Freedom of Information Act. In addition, we are not able to comment on this question. This is a question that you should address to the government.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: **Code A** or Harry Cayton, Chief Executive, CHRE, Kierran Cross, 11 Strand, London, WC2N 5HR.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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