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I refer to your email dated 27th December 2023 in which you asked for information regarding expenditure on language and translation services. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked the following:

“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.”

In response, please see below table which provides expenditure by the PPS on translation, interpretation and language services for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Interpreting Service Supplied	Year	Total
Face to Face Interpreting Services	2020-2021	£9,373.38
	2021-2022	£16,147.75
	2022-2023	£13,325.11
Telephone Interpreting Services	2020-2021	£93.94
	2021-2022	£105.06
	2022-2023	£100.40
Written & Transcript Interpreting Services	2020-2021	£1,313.51
	2021-2022	£7,103.52
	2022-2023	£1,897.61
Total (2020-2023)		£49,460.28

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to info@ppsni.gov.uk. You should state clearly the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish 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

Yours sincerely,

Information Management Team
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