

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

### Reference

18-19070

### Date sent

02/07/2018

### Subject

Translator Costs

### Details of enquiry

I would like to know:

1. How much money was spent on translators in the financial years 2017/18, 2016/17, and 2015/16? Can I have the numbers broken down by year please?
2. How many times were translators required over the three years? Can I have the numbers broken down by year please?
3. What languages were the translators needed for? How many times were translators needed for each language?

### Response Sent

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<a href="#">15/16</a>	<a href="#">16/17</a>	<a href="#">17/18</a>
£46,860	£74,431	£97,972

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<a href="#">15/16</a>	<a href="#">16/17</a>	<a href="#">17/18</a>
333	363	701

3. What languages were the translators needed for? How many times were translators needed for each language?

We do not record our data in this way, and have estimated that it would cost more than the statutory limit for us to locate, open, and then note the language required for each of the 1118 invoices received during this period, which would then need to be summarized into report form. I hope you will understand that the Trust does not have unlimited resources; and, for the reasons, is therefore not obliged to respond to this question.

We can however advise you, from anecdotal evidence that the most common languages for which we required translators were Arabic, Farsi, and Pashtu.