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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 28 May 2025. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 [FOISA].

FOI REQUEST (28 May 2025)

1. The number of FTE employees who work in South of Scotland Enterprise’s internal legal team, including all lawyers, solicitors, etc. in a) Financial Year 2022/23, b) Financial Year 2023/24, and c) Financial Year 2024/25.
2. The total amount spent by South of Scotland Enterprise on internal legal services, including the salaries of employees in the legal team, expenses, etc. in a) Financial Year 2022/23, b) Financial Year 2023/24, and c) Financial Year 2024/25.
3. The total amount spent by South of Scotland Enterprise on external legal services in a) Financial Year 2022/23, b) Financial Year 2023/24, and c) Financial Year 2024/25.

To clarify, I am seeking each of the three points of information for each of the three financial years so would be expecting nine distinct figures in the response.

RESPONSE

	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
No. of FTE internal legal team employees	1.25	1.25	0.47
Amount spent on internal legal services	£77,160	£77,346	£36,390
Amount spent on external legal services	£279,348	£223,959	£173,666

You have the right to request a review of the way in which this request has been processed. Should you wish to exercise this right, you will need to contact us within 40 working days of receipt of this email.

If you remain dissatisfied on completion of the review, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner and thereafter to the Court of Session on a point of law only:

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