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Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information from the Northern Ireland office (NIO):

- 1. Which company provided media monitoring services to the department in (a) 2008/9; (b) 2009/10; (c)2010/11; and (d) 2011/12?
- How much was spent on media monitoring in (a) 2008/9; (b) 2009/10; (c)2010/11; (d) 2011/12; and (e) what budget has been set for monitoring in 2012/13?
- 3. What search terms were monitored by the department in 2011/12?
- 4. What search terms are currently monitored by the department?

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the department holds information falling within scope of your request.

Comparable figures for the Department as it is now configured are not available before 12 April 2010 following the completion of devolution of policing and justice functions in Northern Ireland.

1. From April 2010 to March 2012 media monitoring services were provided by the Executive Information Service which is part of the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland.

2. From April 2010 to March 2012, £11,340 was paid for these services. The budget that has been set for this service in 2012/13 is £13,000.

No information is held by this Department on current or previous search terms.

