

FOI Release

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Title: Money paid to trade unions, amount of staff time spent on duties and payment of subscriptions

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Information request

1. A list of trade unions which received payments from your organisation and the total amounts paid to each union for financial years a) 2011-12 and b) 2012-13. If it is not possible to list the amount paid to each union, please provide a total amount paid to all unions. Please do not include membership dues or salary costs. Please only include direct payments.

2. Please state:

a) Which trade unions your organisation provided staff time to work on trade union duties and / or activities (sometimes called 'Trade Union facility time') in i) 2011-12 and ii) 2012-13.

b) The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff that were provided for each trade union in i) 2011-12 and ii) 2012-13. For example, if a member of staff spends 2 days per week on union business, this is equal to 0.4 FTE.

3.

a) Does your organisation provide the facility to deduct trade union subscriptions from staff salaries in the payroll process?

b) If so, for each union please state what your organisation charged for this service (whether as a fixed amount per employee or a percentage), and the total amount collected in:

i) 2011-12

ii) 2012-13

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In relation to the questions above:

1. BIS has not provided direct payments to any trade unions in either 2011-12 or 2012-13.

2a) i and ii): PCS, Prospect and FDA.

2b) :i) PCS: 2.9 FTE; Prospect: 0.6 FTE; FDA: 1 FTE
ii) PCS: 2.9 FTE; Prospect 0.6 FTE; FDA 1 FTE.

3a) Yes.

3b) There are no direct charges made to any of the unions for the service of deducting subscriptions and paying over to the 3rd party.