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**Freedom of Information Request**

You asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

***Under the freedom of Information FOI 2000 with regards to the DPA 1998; i kindly require breakdown of costs for the legal aid given to Gupta Law***

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested and I have provided it below:

Breakdown of costs for the legal aid given to Gupta Law, 2005 to September 2016

**Legal Help:**

Representing a total volume of 429 claims:

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| Year payment made | Total value (£) |
| 2005 |  71,571  |
| 2006 |  34,214  |
| 2007 |  48,151  |
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| **Civil representation:**Representing a total volume of 18 cases: |
| Year payment made | Total value (£) |
| 2005 |  2,595  |
| 2006 |  36,375  |
| 2007 |  13,755  |
| 2008 |  31,660  |
| 2009 |  705  |
| 2016 |  3,264  |
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You may be interested to note that the firm you have enquired about no longer have a legal aid contract. For the avoidance of doubt, the payment information from 2016 relates to an historic matter/matters where the position as to costs was not finalised until sometime after the relevant case/s concluded.

You can find a list of current legal aid providers at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/directory-of-legal-aid-providers>.