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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00584

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted 13 July 2026 relating to the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) energy and international subscription costs, copied below.

Your request:

I would like to request the following:

1. *Energy costs for STFC facilities for each year from 2023-26*
2. *International subscription costs, priced in sterling, for all overseas facilities covered by the STFC budget for each year*

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold information relating to your request.

We note that this is the second request for information for a breakdown of STFC finances covering the same period, 2023 to 2026. Our response to your previous request related to STFC budgets (FOI2026/00102) for the period 2018-2026 across several Programme Areas.

In this request you have asked for details of actual costs, and we would note that while energy costs sit within the Programme Areas relating to STFC National Laboratories and STFC Support Functions, and international subscription costs sit within the International Facilities Programme Area, the differences between budget and costs mean these figures are not directly comparable.

1. *Energy costs for STFC facilities for each year from 2023-26*

See Table 1, included in Annex 1 at the end of this response. Please note, STFC does not hold energy cost data for the Diamond Light Source, as it is a separate legal entity.

2. *International subscription costs 2023 to 2026*

See Table 2, included in Annex 1 at the end of this response. Please note, costs for 2026 (Financial Year 2026/27) are not yet available.

Further information about UKRI's international subscriptions is available on the [UKRI website](#)¹.

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response, please let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/creating-world-class-research-and-innovation-infrastructure/international-subscriptions/>

disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see [UKRI's complaints procedure](#)².

Yours sincerely,


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² <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>

Annex 1: Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) energy and international subscription costs (2023/24 – 2025/26)

Table 1: Energy costs¹ for STFC facilities

	2023/24 (£m)	2024/25 (£m)	2025/26 (£m)
Electricity - ISIS ^{2,3}	15.6	17.9	15.2
Electricity - STFC (excluding ISIS)	13.9	16.7	14.6
Gas - All STFC	1.5	1.6	1.4
Water - All STFC	0.6	0.6	0.8
Total	31.5	36.7	31.9

¹ Figures have been rounded to the nearest £0.1m

² ISIS is the only separately billed facility for electricity, all other national labs and facilities charges are combined

³ ISIS ran 5 cycles in FY23/24 and FY24/25, and 4 cycles in FY25/26

Table 2: International subscription costs¹ covered by the STFC budget

	2023/24 (£m)	2024/25 (£m)	2025/26 (£m)
European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)	172.6	169.5	169.3
European Organisation for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere (ESO)	30.1	30.3	31.3
European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF)	9.1	8.9	8.9
Institut Max Von Laue-Paul Langevin (ILL)	20.8	20.1	19.3
Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO)	44.9	70.6	24.1
European Spallation Source (ESS) Construction & Operations	11.7	10.9	13.9
European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)	17.4	19.0	20.8
European X-Ray Free-Electron Laser Facility (XFEL)	3.7	6.2	7.2
Isaac Newton Group of Telescopes (ING)	0.6	1.4	1.5
Facility for Anti-Proton and Ion Research (FAIR)	0.7	0.2	0.4
Total	311.6	337.1	296.7

¹ Figures have been rounded to the nearest £0.1m