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23 November 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00354

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 29 October in which you requested the following:

Your request:

What is the average cost of (a.) assessing and (b.) monitoring a Innovate UK application?

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

The costs of assessing and monitoring Innovate UK applications can vary depending upon a range of factors, which vary with each competition.

With assessing applications, these factors can include, but are not limited to; the number of questions asked, annexes requested, and the number of assessors assessing an application.

Monitoring officers are paid a day rate and the number of days that a successful project is monitored for varies depending upon whether a project is classified as having a gold, silver, or bronze monitoring service level, on the basis of their characteristics. Gold monitoring typically requires around 57 days of work, silver 22 days, and bronze 2 days.

The table below provides the average costs of these activities for each of the previous four financial years, along with the number of assessed applications and project tasks for each year, to provide context.

	Financial Year			
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Number of assessed applications	7,920	7,295	24,317	11,816
Average assessment cost per application	£599	£764	£402	£520
Number of project tasks	5,027	4,327	7,948	6,602
Average monitoring cost per project task	£2,059	£2,007	£1,553	£2,210

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@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 policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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