

Dear xxxxxxxx,

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 5 September 2008 by the Democratic Services Team. Your request was considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am pleased to enclose information in response to your request.

Please see below the information you requested and our responses:-

1) How many firemen in the London Fire Brigade attended training courses organised by 'Common Purpose' in the last few years?

In the last 2 years the London Fire Brigade has sent 3 members of staff (2 uniformed and 1 non-uniformed) on Common Purpose courses. One aimed at strategic managers (TheKnow) and two middle manager related courses (TheEdge).

2) How much did the London Fire Brigade spend for those Common Purpose courses?

The total cost of the 3 above-mentioned courses was approximately £11,000. (Brigade staff have also attended a range of other events managed/organised by Common Purpose, which did not attract any charges).

You have the right to ask the Authority to review this response . If you wish to do so, please set out in writing your reasons for asking and address them to Keith Minear - Head of Legal and Democratic Services at the following address: London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority, Legal and Democratic Services Dept, 169 Union Street, London SE1 0LL.

You also have the right to ask the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether the Authority has dealt with your request in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection Act . If you wish to do this, you must first ask the Authority to review its decision; and then you must apply promptly to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane , Wilmslow, Cheshire , SK9 5AF.

I trust this concludes your request. However should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or the team.

Regards

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