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MONIES GIVEN TO STONEWALL

Thank you for your request of 20 September 2022 in relation to any monies the National Audit Office (NAO) has given to Stonewall. Your request was considered in accordance with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Your specific request is reproduced at Annex A for your reference along with the information you requested.

We have carried out a thorough search for the information you requested. Your specific request and our response are set out in Annex A.

We hope you find this response helpful. Annex B sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request.

Yours sincerely

NAO FOI Team



Annex A

Request for information about monies given to Stonewall

Freedom of Information Questions and Answers

(Your request is in italics, NAO response in plain text)

- *What was the membership fee given to Stonewall as part of their Diversity Champions programme in 2021-22 by your organisation?*
- *Is your organisation currently a member of Stonewall's Diversity Champions programme?*
- *What additional monies have been given to Stonewall in 2021-22? Specifically, this incorporates:*
 - *Events/conferences (where, for example, your organisation has purchased tickets to attend or entered raffles or auctions organised by Stonewall). Please name any events/conferences that your organisation attended and the date attended.*
 - *Other programmes (such as LGBT Leadership programme, LGBT Role Model programme, Ally and/or Trans Ally programmes, as well as Train the Trainer programmes).*

NAO Response

We have carried out a thorough search for the information you requested and we can confirm:

- The NAO had been a member of Stonewall's Diversity Champions programme, but we did not renew the membership when it expired on 1 March 2021; therefore, a membership fee was not paid by the NAO in 2021-2022.
- The NAO is no longer a member of Stonewall's Diversity Champions programme.
- The NAO did not give Stonewall any money towards any events, conferences, programme or other activities in 2021-22.

Annex B

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI.requests@nao.org.uk or by post to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/> or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF