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BREAKDOWN OF THE SUM COMMITTED TO THE RWANDA DEPORTATION SCHEME

Thank you for your request of 4th September 2023 requesting a breakdown of where '£140 million committed to the Rwanda deportation scheme has been spent or where it is intended to be spent'. Your request is being handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Following the recent publication of the Home Office Annual report & accounts 2022-2023, a breakdown has been provided relating to the UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership (MEDP).

'The Home Office has paid a total of £140million to the Government of Rwanda as part of the Migration and Economic Development Partnership (MEDP) in the financial year 2022/23. This breaks down as follows:

- *An initial investment of £120 million as part of a new Economic Transformation and Integration Fund which was created as part of the MEDP.*
- *A separate advance payment of £20 million to the Government of Rwanda to support initial set up costs of the asylum processing arrangements under the MEDP. This amount is a credit to pay for the anticipated future asylum and operational costs.'*

These details and additional information, relating to Asylum Accommodation Programme published by the Home Office can be found here on pages 75-76: [Home Office Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk).

Additionally, you can contact the Home Office with any further queries you have relating to this subject at public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk.

Your original request has been reproduced under **Annex A** for your reference. **Annex B** sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request for information under the FOIA.

We hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely,

NAO FOI Team

Annex A

Your original request for information about the Rwanda deportation scheme

(Your request is in italic below)

“Please provide a breakdown of where the £140,000,000 committed to the Rwanda Deportation scheme has been spent or where it is intended to be spent.”

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 primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints. Alternatively, you can contact the ICO at [Contact us | ICO](#) or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.