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## LEGAL COSTS OF POST OFFICE COMPENSATION SCHEMES

Thank you for your FOI request to the National Audit Office (NAO) dated 20 September 2024. You asked for various information relating to the legal costs of the Post Office compensation schemes.

We have checked our records and can confirm that we do not hold any information in scope of your request. To put this statement in context, we do not hold this information for the purposes of our [Lessons learned: Government compensation schemes](#) report or our audits of the Department for Business and Trade's annual report and accounts. In addition, the NAO is not the auditor of Post Office Ltd and does not have a statutory power to conduct examinations of it.

If you have not already done so, you may want to contact the Department for Business and Trade or Post Office Ltd for this information. The contact email addresses for FOI requests are: [FOI@businessandtrade.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@businessandtrade.gov.uk) and [information.rights@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:information.rights@postoffice.co.uk).

Our policy is to respond to requests as helpfully and promptly as possible. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not happy with this response, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days by writing to the NAO FOI Team at [FOI@nao.org.uk](mailto:FOI@nao.org.uk). 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: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>.

Yours sincerely,

**FOI and Correspondence Officer**