

By email only to: request-606438-9768cca7@whatdotheyknow.com

3 December 2019

Dear Stuart Lawson,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**Request for information: response**

**Date of request: 22 September 2019**

**Due date: 19 October 2019**

**Ref: RITM0221049**

We refer to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

In accordance with section 1(a) of the Act, we confirm that the University holds information of the description specified in your request.

**Question:**

For the years 2017, 2018, and 2019, please publish the total amount paid to each of the following publishers for academic journals:

Wiley

Springer\*

Elsevier

Taylor & Francis

Sage

Oxford University Press

Cambridge University Press

Nature Publishing Group\*

Royal Society of Chemistry

Institute of Physics Publishing

I understand that your expenditure records may be held in academic financial years rather than calendar years. If so, I am happy for the response to be provided in the same format, with figures for

2016/17, 2017/18, and 2018/19. (Although 2019 has not ended yet, my understanding is that payments for access to journals for 2019 are likely to have all been made by now.)

The figures should include payments made directly to the publishers as well as any payments made to subscription agents or intermediaries for the purchase of, and/or access to, the publishers' academic journals. They should also include payment for journal packages such as Jisc Collections agreements, as well as for individual journals. Please include VAT where possible, and indicate whether or not figures include VAT.

**Response:**

Amount	Year			Total
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	
CUP	1,578	1,171	1,239	3,988
Elsevier	312,242	220,606	214,419	747,267
IPP	2,625	4,080	67,904	74,609
Nature	3,260		1,548	4,808
OUP	16,620	34,661	14,284	65,565
RSC	25,986	27,618	15,576	69,180
SAGE	1,648	882		2,530
Springer	6,776	1,523	13,688	21,987
Springer Nature		29,414	124,816	154,230
Taylor & Francis	69,091	92,169	88,206	249,466
Wiley	98,769	139,947	169,212	407,927
<b>Total</b>	<b>538,596</b>	<b>552,071</b>	<b>710,892</b>	<b>1,801,558</b>

If you do not feel that we have dealt with your request in accordance with the requirements of Part I of the Act, you may request a review. Your request for a review should specify in what respect you consider that the requirements of Part I have not been met. Please address your request to the Chief Operating Officer at the following address: [foi@soton.ac.uk](mailto:foi@soton.ac.uk).

In accordance with section 5.3 of the Code of Practice, a request for a review must be sent within 40 working days of the date of this email. The University is not obliged to accept any requests for a review beyond 40 working days.

We will endeavour to respond to your request for a review within 20 working days of receipt.

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Yours sincerely,

