03 October 2016

Reference number: FoI - 308

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing in response to the request you made to BBSRC under the Freedom of Information Act, which was received on Thursday 08 September 2015.

Statement of information requested

1. What was the latest price paid per ream (500 sheets) of standard white copier paper (80 gsm or equivalent)?
2. If the answer to question 1. is not representative of a usual price paid, what is the average price paid per ream of copier paper during financial year 2015/16?
3. How many reams of copy paper were purchased during the 2015/16 financial year?

Background

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UK Shared Business Services (UK SBS) provides a range of services, including IT, to BBSRC and other public sector organisations. UK SBS enters contracts on its clients behalf and provides services to them.

Duty to confirm or deny

BBSRC holds the information you have requested.

Requested Information

I will answer your questions in turn;

1. What was the latest price paid per ream (500 sheets) of standard white copier paper (80 gsm or equivalent)?
   Answer - £2.22 per ream

2. If the answer to question 1. is not representative of a usual price paid, what is the average price paid per ream of copier paper during financial year 2015/16?
   Answer - N/A

3. How many reams of copy paper were purchased during the 2015/16 financial year?
   Answer - 6000 reams of copier paper were purchased during the 2015/16 financial year.
If you have any further questions, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

BBSRC Freedom of Information Officer

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