

Official

Ref: FOI-293

Sent via email only: [REDACTED]

23 March 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

1. We write in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'Act'), reference FOI-293.

Request for Information

2. In an email dated 1 December 2020, you requested the following information from UKAD:

"UKAD v DANIAL ROBERTS – FOI REQUEST

Can you provide full disclosure and a detailed breakdown of:-

1. *The public monies that were spent on this case, including the testing that took place on that unfortunate evening.*
2. *What was Mr Renteurs fee in this case?*
3. *Who made the decision to press ahead with the case?*
4. *Was a cost/benefit analysis carried out before proceeding with the case?"*

Response to part 1 of your request

3. Please note that as a matter of standard practice UKAD employees are not required to and do not record when and how much time they have spent on a particular matter, as is generally the case in private legal firms which charge for their time on an hourly rate. UKAD does not, therefore, hold a record of the total number of hours spent by UKAD staff dealing with this matter and is not able to calculate its internal legal and/or testing costs incurred with any degree of accuracy. UKAD is therefore unable to provide a figure as to the total expenditure in this matter.

Response to part 2 of your request

4. Mr Renteurs' total fee in this matter was £4,050.00 (inclusive of VAT).

Response to part 3 of your request

5. UKAD has interpreted the question: "*Who made the decision to press ahead with the case?*" as a request for the name of the individual at UKAD who decided that Mr Roberts had a case to answer for a violation of the Welsh Rugby Union ('WRU') Anti-Doping Rules (being the UK Anti-Doping Rules).
6. The decision that Mr Roberts had a case to answer for a violation of the WRU Anti-Doping Rules was not made by an individual at UKAD but following an assessment by the Legal (Case Management) team collectively at UKAD.

Response to part 4 of your request

7. No, a cost / benefit analysis was not carried out before proceeding with the case.

Conclusion

8. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response via email to foi@ukad.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.
9. 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: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "UK Anti-Doping".

UK Anti-Doping