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<p>I would like to submit the following Freedom of Information Request on the Member's behalf:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. For the financial years of 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17, please provide:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The number of seminars/training courses attended by staff, and the cost per-head for eachb. The number of seminars/training courses attended by Members, and the cost per-head for each2. For each of these years, please provide the total cost to the fire authority for any additional costs relating to these seminars/courses, including, for example, hosting/room hire, amount paid to seminar conveners, beverages and food, and any materials supplied			
RESPONSE			
<p>Unfortunately, despite multiple searches being undertaken, we have found that we are unable to provide the information you have requested. The information is held, in part at least – it is not centrally recorded.</p> <p>There are multiple ways in which an individual can request to attend seminars/conference and training, and no single department holds all of that information.</p> <p>Any costs incurred - such as travel or expenses - for any conference/seminar (free or otherwise) would be submitted by individuals through our reimbursement process, and only a search through every expense claim forms would identify that information.</p> <p>Where accommodation is required, these are booked through our procurement department. However, they do not record the event being attended - it could be training, it could be a meeting away from service – so again, there is no way of identifying the information you have asked for.</p>			

The work required to identify, locate, retrieve and collate the information you have requested would exceed the “appropriate limit” specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (appropriate limit and fees) regulations 2004 (and may still not provide you will full and accurate information).

In this case an exemption under Section 12 applies Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit and SWFRS are not obliged to provide the information.