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Response to your request to the House of Lords (our ref: FOI 3470)

HL FOI & Information Compliance <holinfocompliance@parliament.uk>
To: "freya.stear@taxpayersalliance.com" <freya.stear@taxpayersalliance.com>

10 September 2020 at 11:14

Dear Freya,

I am writing in response to your request (copied below) to the House of Lords.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOIA") provides a right of access, subject to specified exemptions, to recorded information held by a public authority. In the case of the House of Lords, the rights of access apply to recorded information held by the House of Lords Administration.

The House Administration holds this information.

The House of Lords purchased three artworks during 2019/20. The following information therefore answers both parts of your request:

Type	Artist	Artwork	Total price
Commission	Andrew Festing	Lord Fowler, Lord Speaker	£7,000.00
Acquisition	Toby Ward	Royal Gallery	£5,000.00
Acquisition	Frank Brangwyn	The Tank Attack	£5,257.80

Notes: As regards the first item, the information provided would have already been placed in the public domain as part of the publicity planned to accompany the unveiling of the portrait. However, the unveiling has been put on hold due to the current pandemic.

Payments are phased according to delivery of the artwork. The figures above are the total cost for each artwork where monies were disbursed in FY2019/20, even if some of the cost fell in a different year.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Grey

Information Compliance Team

House of Lords

From: Freya Stear <freya.stear@taxpayersalliance.com>
Sent: 12 August 2020 17:06
To: HL FOI & Information Compliance <holinfocompliance@parliament.uk>
Subject: FOI request - cost of art acquisitions and commissions

Dear FOI team,

Please could you tell me the total spend on a) new art acquisitions b) new art commissions within the financial year 2019/20 giving in each case the top 3 most expensive items and their respective cost.

Many thanks,

Freya

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