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Dear Ms Stear,

Thank you for your email of 10 August in which you made the following request for information:

Please could you provide me with the total spend on new acquisitions by the Government Art Collection for 2019/20 including a breakdown of the pieces and their respective costs.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I can confirm that the department does hold information within scope of your request.

The Government Art Collection (GAC) promotes British art, history, and creativity through displays in Government buildings in the UK and worldwide. It is the most widely distributed collection of British art, on display in 155 cities, and contributes to UK cultural diplomacy as seen by thousands of visitors to these buildings each year.

The total spend on new acquisitions for the Government Art Collection (GAC) in 2019/20 was £432,071.

A spreadsheet is attached which includes the breakdown of the pieces and their respective costs. Please note that not every acquisition was funded entirely from the 2019/20 GAC acquisition budget - refer to the 'funding' column on the spreadsheet for full details.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team
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Complaints and comments

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: foi@dcms.gov.uk. You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner (ICO)



to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.