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Dear Mr Bourne

WAQ 23539 and WAQ 23552

I am writing at the request of R. J. Morris of the Assembly Compliance Office (his letter of 24 March) with information from the National Library in response to the two Questions you asked in the National Assembly.

WAQ 23539

The National Library does not maintain a separate press office. The functions of a press office are subsumed under those of the Access and Marketing Section, and the work occupies a proportion of the time of two members of the Section. It is estimated that this costs around £14,500 per annum.

The only direct cost attributable to press office functions is a subscription to the Waymaker distribution service, which costs £2,900 per annum, inclusive of training.

The Library employs the services of an external agency to collect press cuttings in which the Library is cited. This service costs around £400 per annum.

WAQ 23552

The National Library does not have any public relations contracts.

Please let me know if you need more details.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrew M W Green'.

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