

**Freedom of Information request**

**LSB reference: 20140206**

1. Please provide details of any office accommodation your organisation provides to staff to carry out trade union business. Please include details of:

- space measured in square feet
- how much of this space is contained within entirely separate buildings (i.e. occupied solely by staff carrying out trade union business)
- whether a professional valuation of the market rental value of the space has been sought either in-house or externally, and if so, what the valuation of the space was
- any charges the council levy for office space given to trade unions.

2. Please advise any estimates for other costs met for those staff on trade union facility time apart from salaries - including travel expenses, office supplies, telephone expenses and energy bills.

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FOI request  
**Date:** 12 February 2014 17:40:00

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 6 February 2014, requesting details of office accommodation that the Legal Services Board (LSB) provides to enable the carrying out of trade union business.

In responding to your request, I should explain that the LSB is a small organisation with just over 30 employees in total. Although individual members of staff are free to join trade unions as they wish, the LSB does not have arrangements with any particular unions, and there are no members of staff who act as trade union representatives.

The answers to your questions are therefore as follows:

1. No LSB office space is devoted trade union business, and
2. No members of staff are engaged in trade union activity for which any costs accrue to the LSB

I trust that this satisfactorily addresses your request for information. However if you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right to ask for an internal review or submit a complaint in line with our Freedom of information – Complaints procedure which can be found at:

[http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can\\_we\\_help/lbs\\_policies\\_procedures/freedom\\_of\\_information/index.htm](http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can_we_help/lbs_policies_procedures/freedom_of_information/index.htm)  
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Yours sincerely

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