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Request:

Can I ask how much for each of the last two financial years and for the next financial year will the venue hire cost for long service ceremonies? Context. Until City Hall by Tower Bridge was scrapped lfb received six free visits to the chamber for the ceremonies. They have now gone. And now it is paying for visits to fishmongers hall. I would like to know how much for each year these are now costing.

Response:

Our Events Team have confirmed the following:

Since LFB first used Fishmongers Hall (on 26 October 2021) for its long service award ceremonies, the venue hire has been complimentary. To date, we have hosted 9 long service award ceremonies at Fishmongers Hall and we have not be charged to use the hall on any of these occasions.

This applies to all the ceremonies delivered over the last two financial years (2021-2022 and 2022-2023).

LFB are yet to receive confirmation for the next financial year (2023-2024) as the Philanthropy and Grants committee is not meeting until later this month (and we do not have another ceremony scheduled until May 2023).

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request <u>on our website</u>.