



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

London Fire Brigade Headquarters
169 Union Street London SE1 0LL
T 020 8555 1200 F 020 7960 3602
Textphone 020 7960 3629
london-fire.gov.uk

Freedom of Information request reference number: FOIA 7891.1

Date of response: 23rd October 2023

Request:

Dear FOI Officer,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request materials quantifying the operations and recovery costs incurred by the London Fire Brigade in response to the Grenfell Tower fire, including:

1. Total expenditures from June 2017 to present related to Grenfell response and recovery efforts
2. Assessments of direct and indirect economic impacts related to the fire.

Response:

1. Total expenditures from June 2017 to present related to Grenfell response and recovery efforts – On the 12 September, the LFB asked you to clarify your questions as they were too ambiguous. In your email response on the 12 September 2023, you said:

“To be honest just any figures you have regarding the situation at all broken down in as much detail as possible.”

In response to your request, I can confirm that the London Fire Brigade (LFB) publish the legal costs for Grenfell on the LFB website, various papers have been published on our decision page at www.london-fire.gov.uk

It is difficult to quantify the actual spend as this is ongoing to date however, we provide a high-level financial breakdown of reserves and spends in the both the statement of accounts and our financial performance report that is published on the London Data Store.

You can find our draft unaudited statement of accounts for 2022/23 [here](#) and the financial performance report is published [here](#) the report provides details of our borrowing, reserves, budget, variances and spends. Although the report contains a high-level financial summary and information on topical issues such as publicity and campaigns and the Grenfell Tower fire, page 7 provides further information on the subsequent work following the Grenfell public inquiry and the key elements of the prevention activities being delivered through a range of projects, initiatives, and messages. Including partnership and collaboration with a wide variety of organisations to achieve these outcomes at national, pan London, borough, and neighbourhood level. LFB also contributes to the national agenda set out by the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC).

2. Assessments of direct and indirect economic impacts related to the fire.

This is a difficult question to answer in isolation as previously mentioned phase 1 of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry made 46 recommendations in total, of which 29 were aimed either at the London Fire Brigade or at emergency services (including LFB) more widely. A further 11 recommendations were directed at other parties but require some subsequent action by the Brigade. The direct and indirect impact of the fire is still ongoing for example the human factors for both the bereaved families and those that survived, and the attending emergency crews. The tragic events of that night will continue to have both an indirect and direct impact on the communities and all those involved. As your question is fairly ambiguous if you are able to reframe your question information, we will be happy to assist you further.

It may interest you to know that the Grenfell Tower Inquiry completed in November 2022 and the Inquiry are due to be published their final report sometime in 2024.

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 [on our website](#).