

We refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act for:

1. the total amount received by the purchase of printer credit at the University for the academic years 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09, and
2. the number of printer credits purchased during those (academic) years.

With regard to (1): because of the adoption of a new accounting system we only hold information for financial year 2008/09 and the last three months of financial year 2007/08. The total amounts received are:

FY 2008/09: £206,995.68  
FY 2007/08: £9,931.07

By way of comparison, the total amount received in the last three months of FY 2008/09 was £39,272.23.

We are trying to ascertain whether we can still retrieve detailed breakdowns for the other periods and whether the likely costs of retrieval will exceed the appropriate limit, and we will write to let you know.

The University's financial year runs from 1 August to 31 July, whereas the academic year runs from October to the following September. The above figures translated into academic year(s) are:

AY 2008/09: £207,074.84  
AY 2007/08: £10,900.81

With regard to (2): printer credit is not purchased in terms of units – it is purchased as money-equivalent (i.e. a purchaser will have an account balance shown in pounds and pence, rather than in printing units). That balance will be decremented according to the type of printing performed (colour printing costs more than black-and-white, A3 costs more than A4, and so forth).

If you are not satisfied with the way in which the University has responded to your request you have the right to appeal. Questions, comments or complaints should be sent to the Registrar and Chief Operating Officer, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton SO17 1BJ, United Kingdom.

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