

REQUEST	15689	RESPONSE
<p>I am writing a freedom of information request regarding the Wigan schools and education budget.</p>		
<p>1. I would like to see the data regarding the breakdown of spending in alternative provision education, specifically schools specialising in behavioural difficulties.</p>		<p>1. Wigan Council commission one provider to meet their needs for Alternative provision. As this provider is an academy information relating to their funding would need to be requested direct from them. Wigan does not have a pupil referral unit. Schools who arrange their own AP act as commissioners or providers and it is therefore not information available to the LA.</p>
<p>2. I would like to see a full breakdown of the most up-to-date figures for the 22/23 academic year and any previous data if available.</p>		<p>2. Again, we cannot provide a breakdown of costs as this is information relating to one school. We can confirm that we also commissioned independent providers to a total of £226,800 for pupils who's needs could not be met in our commissioned provision.</p>
<p>3. I understand there is a difference between state funded alternative provision and privately owned, I would like to see a direct split between the two and the spending on each from the local authority.</p>		<p>3. Wigan does not have a PRU. The answer to question 2 provides details of funding for independent provision commissioned by the LA for AP.</p>