



Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 39

Kitchen Appliance Purchases

Query and Response: -

The funding for all of the electrical items purchased came from Electrical Safety First and was not part of Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service's budget. The funding was provided in November to support households with the cost of living crisis, ensuring safer electrical practices within the home. The funding was provided following a successful funding bid submitted by the Service. Items were purchased between November 2022 and March 2023 only.

How many freestanding countertop electric convection ovens (aka "air fryers") did you purchase in the last 12 months? How much did these cost in total? In that period, how many were given free of charge to members of the public after you attended/responded to fires at their properties and what did these cost in total?

We purchased 27 air fryers and the total cost for of these was £1438.92. None were provided following an incident.

What was the most expensive and the least expensive freestanding countertop electric convection oven (aka "air fryer") you purchased in the last 12 months? Please include the brand and model of both products.

The most expensive air fryer purchased was £69.99, with the least expensive one costing £28. The information on brand and model information was not kept.

How many toasters did you purchase in the last 12 months? How much did these cost in total? In that period, how many were given free of charge to members of the public after you attended/responded to fires at their properties and what did these cost in total?

We have not purchased any toasters.

What was the most expensive and least expensive toaster you purchased in the last 12 months? Please include the brand and model of both products.

N/A



How many microwaves did you purchase in the last 12 months? How much did these cost in total? In that period, how many were given free of charge to members of the public after you attended/responded to fires at their properties and what did these cost in total?

We purchased 24 microwaves and the total cost was £1334.88. None were provided following an incident.

What was the most expensive and least expensive microwave you purchased in the last 12 months? Please include the brand and model of both products.

The most expensive microwave purchased was £59.99, with the least expensive one costing £50. The information on brand & model information was not kept

Clarification of Points –

Where you said air fryers and microwaves that were purchased were not provided following an incident. Do you mean they were provided to members of the public but not following any incidents or do you mean the items were kept by the fire service for staff use?

The items were provided at our Safe and Well visits. These are visits to individuals' private homes that are scheduled following referrals from partner agencies, such as housing providers, care providers, South West Ambulance, Police etc. These visits are too vulnerable members of the public where fire risks have been identified. The items have not been provided immediately following an incident that the Fire Service have attended in someone's home, for example following a kitchen fire. No electrical items were provided to any members of staff.

The source of funding - Electrical Safety First - this is a charitable fund, not public money?

Electrical Safety First is a registered UK charity working with all sectors of the electrical industry as well as local and central government to reduce deaths and injuries caused by electrical accidents, therefore the funding was not public money. No public money was spent in the purchasing of these items.

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