

1. How much was spent on refurbishing the ONS Newport office for each of the financial years since April 2020.

Cost of refurbishing Newport

Financial Year Expenditure		
FY20/21	FY21/22	Total
£42,130.05	£6,149,860	£6,191,990

£6.2 million was spent on refurbishing the Office for National Statistics Newport office as part of a regular programme of improvement and to prepare for hybrid ways of working following the pandemic. The investment is more than offset over a ten year period, due to a 20% reduction in workspace and other changes to maximise productivity and effectiveness.

2. Of the total amount spend on refurbishing the ONS Newport office since April 2020, how much was spent on refurbishing office space that was no longer in use on 1 December 2023.

Cost of Refurbishing Space – Void from Feb 23

Financial Year Expenditure		
FY20/21	FY21/22	Total
£8,029.13	£1,172,039	£1,180,068

£1.2 million was spent on office space that was no longer in use by 1 December 2023, as workspace was further reduced to respond to hybrid-working changes and drive efficiency. Our workspace design is modular: and can be increased, reduced, or changed as necessary to support future workspace decisions. This future-proofing approach allowed notice to be served in 2022 to release surplus workspace back to the Landlord, with significant savings to ONS.