

## Exemptions

The main principles are expected to follow the exemptions provided by the Freedom of Information Act. Key redactions will relate to matters of national security, data that is protected under the Data Protection Act and data that might be commercially sensitive.

The table below gives examples of the types of transactions that may be redacted from publication.

No	Examples of transactions that may be redacted from publication	Reason
1	Salary payments to staff (including bonuses)	Personal information protected by the Data Protection Act
2	Pension contributions (excluding service charge) and National Insurance Contributions	
3	Severance payments	
4	Payments to individuals from legal process – compensation payments, legal settlements, fraud payments	
5	Money administered on behalf of a client	
6	Indemnity payments	
7	Bona vacantia	
8	Competition prizes – where a normal part of operations	
9	Expenditure on current military operations (including payments to contractors)	Exempt under FOI for national security reasons
10	Expenditure by secret service organizations, national security agencies or special forces, and tackling serious crime	
11	Transactions with foreign governments (if privileged under FOI)	
12	Settlements made with companies as part of an arbitration or legal process, which is conditional on confidentiality	Commercial-in-confidence – exempt under FOI.
13	Potential betrayal of a commercial confidence, or prejudice to a legitimate commercial interest	
14	Spending where disclosure of either paying department or recipient would pose a personal security threat e.g. spending in fragile countries	Exempt under FOI to protect the identities of companies and individuals providing services to HM Government.
15	Civil List and payments to Royal Households	Confidential information exempt under FOI
16	Transactions relating to the financing or underwriting of debt e.g. purchase of credit default swaps	Outside the definition of expenditure for this purpose
17	Provisions or promises to pay not yet realised	