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Dear

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: ref/CSU/OME/11-17/1

Thank you for your email of 15 November 2017 where you requested the following information:

We are conducting a short piece of research for a new public relations and marketing client that is interested in bidding for public sector contracts. I would therefore be grateful if you would provide the following information submitted as a Freedom of Information Request.

Part 1

1. Does your department/agency/organisation currently use a private company to undertake any of the following services:

- Public Relations
- Social Media Communications
- External Stakeholder Communications
- Internal Stakeholder Communications.

2. If yes, can you please confirm:

- When the current contract was last let
- When the current contract expires
- Whether the current contract has options to extend its length
- When you expect to retender the contract.

3. If no (to question 1 above), are you considering letting such a contract in the future and if so, do you have an approximate timetable for engaging the market?

Part 2

4. Have you used a private company to help you with any other marketing or public information campaigns in the past 2 years?

5. If so, could you please provide a brief overview of what those campaigns were about and approximately how long your contract with the company was for to support the campaign(s)?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require;
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

The answers to your questions are that the Office of Manpower Economics has had no such contracts with private companies, either now or in the last two years. In any case, were we to require such services, the OME is funded by the [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#) (BEIS), and they would be responsible for all Procurement, Finance and IT services provided to the Office.

Appeals Procedure

If you are unhappy with the way the Office of Manpower Economics has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact me at the Office of Manpower Economics if you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,



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