

We were asked:

How many Occasions of Non-Compliance have been disclosed to the Department of Wales by businesses applying for public sector contracts from your department.

I am interested in finding out:

Q1. The number of businesses that have disclosed any tax avoidance practices in the process of their tendering for a contract from the Department of Wales following the Government's Procurement Policy Note: Measures to Promote Tax Compliance?

Q2. In how many cases has the disclosure of any tax avoidance by businesses resulted in a decision to exclude the business from the procurement process?

We replied:

The information you have requested is not held by the Department. As a small Government Department the Wales Office uses the buying power of the Ministry of Justice to procure the majority of its services. You may therefore wish to ask the Ministry of Justice about the management of its contracts.