

## INFORMATION RELEASED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Information released title	Banking, audit and card processing services
Original request	<p>Could you please send me contract information relating to Banking Services, Audit Services and Card Processing Services. If you do not understand what each of these mean please see below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Banking Services-</b> contract information relating to the organisation banking services.</li> <li>· <b>Audit Services (Financial) –</b> contract relating to assurance, tax and advisory services.</li> <li>· <b>Card Processing Services / Merchant services-</b> a wide range of payment processing options. Most automatically associate <b>merchant services</b> with debit and credit card processing</li> </ul> <p>Can you please provide me with the following contract information for each of the contract category specified above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Contract Category:</b> Please see select from the categories provided; Banking Services; Financial Audit Services; Card Processing Services</li> <li>2. <b>Existing Supplier</b> Name for each contract</li> <li>3. <b>Contract Description:</b> Please do not just state two to three words can you please provide me detail information about this contract and please state if upgrade, maintenance and support is included. Please also include the modules included within the contract.</li> <li>4. <b>Annual Average Spend</b> for each contract</li> <li>5. <b>Contract Duration:</b> What is the duration of the contract please include any available extensions within the contract.</li> </ol>

	<p>6. <b>Contract Start Date:</b> What is the start date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.</p> <p>7. <b>Contract Expiry:</b> What is the expiry date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.</p> <p>8. <b>Contract Review Date:</b> What is the review date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. If this cannot be provide please provide me estimates of when the contract is likely to be reviewed. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY</p> <p>9. <b>Contact Details:</b> I require the full contact details of the person within the organisation responsible for this particular software contract.</p> <p>10. <b>Notes:</b> Please provide me with any further information with regards to this contract this could include any contract extension available as well as information on renewals or plans for future tenders.</p>
Date of release	22.10.2015
Requester type	Individual

**Information released:**

**Audit services (financial)**

We can confirm that the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES) holds the information requested. Please see the attached spreadsheet which details the contracts held by UKCES.

In addition to audit services outlined in the spreadsheet, please note that the financial statements of UKCES are audited on an annual basis by the National Audit Office (NAO). Under the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000, the NAO audits the financial statements of all central government departments, agencies and other public bodies and report the results to Parliament.

**Banking and card processing services**

We can confirm that we do not hold the information requested. Services relating to banking and card processing are contracted and managed through the Government Banking Service, which provides a shared banking service across central government and wider public sector



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customers. For more information, please visit  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/government-banking-service-gbs>.

**Please input the information below:**

1. Contract Category: Banking Services; Audit Services; Card Processing Services / Merchant services	2. Existing Supplier: Can you please provide me with the provider for each contract?	4. Contract Description: Please do not just state two to three words can you please provide me detail information about this contract and please state if upgrade, maintenance and support is included. Please also include the modules included within the contract.	6. Annual Spend: What is the annual average spend for this contract?	7. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract please include any available extensions within the contract.	8. Contract Start Date: What is the start date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.	9. Contract Expiry: What is the expiry date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.	10. Contract Review Date: What is the review date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. If this cannot be provide please provide me estimates of when the contract is likely to be reviewed. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.	11. Contact Details: I require the full contact details of the person within the organisation responsible for this particular software contract. Please include their full name, actual job title, contact number and direct email address.		12. Notes: Please provide me with any further information with regards to this contract this could include any contract extension available as well as information on renewals or plans for future tenders.
Audit services	Mazars	Internal audit services	£27,000 inc VAT	Three financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17	May-14	Mar-18	Dec-17	Job title: Assistant Director, Business Services	I can confirm that the UK Commission for Employment and Skills holds this information however it is exempt from release under the Act due to Exemption 40(2) being engaged. Exemption 40(2): Information is exempt information if disclosure would breach one of the data protection principles. The reason that this exemption is engaged is due to this information consisting of personal information. Release to the general public would be likely to breach one of the Data Protection Act principles. Our organisation does not publish/release personal information of staff other than the Executive Leadership Team – which details can be found on our website: www.gov.uk/ukces.	
Audit services	Moore Stephens	Annual Investment Audits and follow-up audits (include governance checks, finance and employer enagaement), and adhoc Financial Health Checks.	£80,000 inc VAT	8 months	Oct-15	May-16	Mar-16	Job title: Senior Manager, Investment Managemen		
Banking Services and Card Processing Services / Merchant services	We can confirm that we do not hold the information requested. Services relating to banking and card processing are contracted and managed through the Government Banking Service, which provides a shared banking service across central government and wider public sector customers. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/government-banking-service-gbs">https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/government-banking-service-gbs</a> .									