

Thank you for your email of 19 October 2011 where you requested information on a contracts register detailing all current live contracts. The full text of your original question is at Annex A.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I should explain that the Department does maintain a database which includes all contracts with an overall value greater than £20,000. I have used this to identify current contracts.

The attached excel spreadsheet lists contract titles together with supplier name, start and end date, and an overall contract value.

It should be noted that this is not an exhaustive list of all current contracts and it will not include contracts with a value of less than £20, 000. This information is not held centrally and it would only be possible to identify all such contracts at excessive cost as it would involve examining records held at a local level. I estimate the cost of locating and retrieving this information would significantly exceed £600. The Department is not obliged, by virtue of s.12 (1) of the FOI Act, to comply with a request where the appropriate limit of £600 would be exceeded.

Annex A

I would like to request a copy of your current contracts register detailing all current live contracts. I am therefore writing to make an open government request for information to which I am entitled to under the Freedom of Information Act.

I understand that your contracts register contains details of your current contracts including start date, end date, contract value and winning supplier. I would be grateful if I could receive your contracts register in an editable format, preferably in a CSV or excel file.