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**Our ref:** RFI 6253  
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Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Intangible Impairments**

Thank you for your request for information about intangible impairments, which we received on 31 January. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

**You asked for:**

A breakdown of the £6 million intangible impairments made by the departmental group in 2012-13, including details of each asset impaired by £250,000 or more.

**In response:**

The following table shows the intangible impairments of £250,000 or more in 2012/13.

Asset Description	Impairment Value £'000
IT assets in the course of construction which were no longer expected to have any long term economic benefit due to changes in legislation	5,792
Suite of IT solutions including Buy4defra, i-expenses and e-contracts	630
Oracle licences for electronic-Human Resources	509

Please note that Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency had an impairment reversal in 2012/13 of £1.158m.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received. If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.



Yours

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

### **Complaints**

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