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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: USE OF PERSONAL DEVICES AND BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE POLICY

Thank you for your request for information about the use of personal devices and bring your own device policy, which we received on 29 May. As you know we are handling your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I enclose a copy of the information you requested:

1. Does your department have policies to govern employees using their own devices in the workplace?

Yes our policy is that personal IT equipment must not be used to connect to the Defra network. The use of personal devices for personal use in the workplace is allowed, subject to normal performance management constraints.

2. If so, which devices are covered by those policies?

The policy applies to all these devices. BlackBerry devices are the only devices approved for official use.

3. How many of these devices are used on your network?

There are 538 BlackBerry devices provided by the Department for use on the Defra network.

4. How many of your employees regularly bring their own devices to work?

Not known as devices are for personal use only.

5. Who runs the BYOD policy in your department?

The policy is managed by the Departmental IT Security Officer.

6. What have the main obstacles been with implementing a BYOD policy?

Compliance with HMG security guidance and HR issues regarding official use of a personal device.



7. What are the benefits that you have seen following the implementation of a BYOD policy?

Not applicable as BOYD is prohibited

8. Has the introduction of a BYOD policy led to a reduction in spend on computer/mobile hardware?

Not applicable as BOYD is prohibited

9. How much was being spent on computer/mobile hardware before the implementation of a BYOD policy (per annum)?

Not applicable as BOYD is prohibited

10. How much is being spent on computer/mobile hardware following the implementation of a BYOD policy (per annum)?

Not applicable as BOYD is prohibited

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I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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