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**Your ref:**  
**Our ref:** RFI 5856  
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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Kable Taxonomy**

Thank you for your request for information about the total ICT spend within our Organisation, Core Defra, which we received on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information that you have requested is below:

- 1 - The total budgeted ICT expenditure (capital and revenue) for your organisation for 2013-14 and 2014-15.
  - The budgeted resource amount for 2013-14 is £33,378,216 inclusive of Defra staff costs directly related to ICT delivery. For 2014-15, the indicative budget is £32,709,172. These figures represent admin and programme expenditure.
  - The capital budget for FY 13/14 the amount is Nil. For FY14/15 it is Nil. It should be noted that these figures represent Core IT Defra budget figures.
  - Please note the above figures are for ICT in Core Defra only
- 2 - A breakdown of the actual / budgeted or estimate for 2013/14 and 2014/15 according to the following categories for your organisation

Where possible for asterisked categories, please indicate the current percentage of spend which is delivered "as a service". SaaS and PaaS are instances of applications and deployment environments that are hosted by the software vendor. IaaS is hosting which is purchased on flexible terms with minimal usage commitments. Please only complete the boxes which are not blacked out. Please note this for Core Defra ICT only



Category	Sub-category	Year end 2013-14	Year end 2014-15	%age "as-a-service" in 2013/14
Hardware	Desktop computers Portable computers Servers IT consumables Network equipment (LAN) Storage Peripherals	n/a	n/a	
Software licences	Application licences, including relevant SaaS* Middleware licences, including relevant PaaS* System licences, including relevant SaaS*	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services outside of outsourcing contracts	Hardware maintenance Software maintenance Custom software Hosting, including any IaaS* Managed communications (Provided under Communications) IT consultancy System integration	£100,000	Not available £100,000 (Indicative)	n/a n/a

	Training	£85,000	£100,000 (Indicative)
Services under IT outsourcing contracts	Desktop	£2,460,629	Not available
	Hosting	£6,511,992	
	Application Development	n/a	
	Software Licensing and Management	£3,417,841	
	Service Integration and Management	£4,912,098	
Communications	Fixed line	£640,000 (this includes all voice communications, fixed line and wireless)	£634,650 (Indicative)
	Wireless		
	Networking equipment (WAN)	£3,389,583	Not available
Staff	Staff	£3,629,000	£3,829,000 (Indicative)

3 - Please provide a list of all the ICT projects that you are undertaking; the cost of these projects and the estimated completion dates for these projects. If it is not possible to provide this under the current FOI limits I am happy to accept a listing of your most up to date schedule of contracts or other record of contracts.

We do not maintain a list of ICT projects. Compiling a list as part of the response would incur costs over the FOI limit. For your information, most of the projects in core Defra are to carry out technical refresh work on the infrastructure that is delivered under our ICT Outsource contract with IBM, which covers the majority of Defra's ICT expenditure. This contract accounts for the majority of cost in questions 1 and 2.

4- Please provide a list of public sector organisations (either organisations which you fund, or shared service partners) that are included within the total ICT spend you have provided.

The financial data included in the response is that of the Core Department organisation for the **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**. It *excludes* expenditure of its Executive Agencies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs). A Full list of these bodies is available on the Defra website. If you require information for any these bodies, please send your request directly to the organisation(s).

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach annex B 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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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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