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Information released title	Awarding of contracts
Original request	<p>1. Could you please provide me with the total number of contracts put out for tender by your organisation during the following two periods:</p> <p>a) January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010 (or the nearest available 12-month period – please specify), and</p> <p>b) January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013 (or the nearest available 12-month period – please specify)</p> <p>2. For each of these two periods, please state how many of these contracts were awarded after a tendering process in which only one contractor submitted a bid.</p>
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	<b>(a) 01 April 2010-31 March 2011</b>	<b>(b) 01 April 2013- 31 March 2014</b>
<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total number of opportunities put out to tender during this time period = 33.</li> <li>Total number of contracts issued in relation to these tenders = 58.</li> </ul> <p>Please note that several of these Invitations to Tender contained multiple packages of work (called Lots) within the same document – and on this basis a number of contracts were awarded.</p> <p>In addition, we had a number of opportunities where we created a pool of experts (for example Visiting Research Fellows) and under these circumstances a number of contracts were awarded.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total number of opportunities put out to tender during this time period = 45.</li> <li>Total number of contracts issued in relation to these tenders = 95.</li> </ul> <p>Please note that several of these Invitations to Tender contained multiple packages of work (called Lots) within the same document – and on this basis a number of contracts were awarded.</p> <p>In addition, we had a number of opportunities where we created a pool of experts (for example Research Fellows and Associates) and under these circumstances a number of contracts were awarded.</p>

2	<p>Only 1 contract was awarded after a tendering process that resulted in only 1 contractor bidding.</p>	<p>7 Contracts were awarded after a tendering process that resulted in only 1 contractor bidding.</p> <p>It should be noted that of these 7, 4 contracts were advertised through government framework agreements where we received a low response due to the relatively low value of the opportunity.</p>
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Please also note that contracts are only issued for purchases over £10k in value.