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Our ref: RFI 6326
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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Number of PCs and operating systems

Thank you for your request for information about the number of PCs in Defra, and the operating systems on which they run, which we received on 21 February 2014. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Following careful consideration, we have decided not to disclose some of this information.

I enclose details of the information which can be disclosed:

- 1- How many PCs (desktops, laptops, tablets) does your department/authority currently run in total? (Please provide a breakdown e.g.: desktops: 1,000, laptops: 5,000 etc.)

Defra operates a laptop only policy which means that with the exception of certain circumstances, all of our staff operate using a laptop.

The figures below are the numbers being used at the time, not the number issued.

2012/2013 – number of tablets – 2

2013 – number of laptops – 2769

2013 – number of desktops - 75

The remainder of the information requested (answers to your questions 2, 3 and 4) is being withheld as it falls under the exemptions in section 24 of the FOIA, which relates to national security.



We recognise that Defra has a duty to provide information, if held, concerning the operating systems on which the department's IT equipment runs where the disclosure of this information will not increase the risk to our Department's IT systems by making them more vulnerable to attack. Unfortunately providing details of operating systems and browsers increases this risk and therefore, we have concluded that the information you have requested in questions 2, 3 and 4 should be withheld.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

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 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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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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