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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: CONTRACTORS WORKING FOR DEFRA

Thank you for your email of Tuesday 25 March 14 requesting information about how many contractors working for Defra are on the following day rates:

- £1,000 per day or more
- £2,000 per day or more
- £3,000 per day or more
- £4,000 per day or more

for the financial years spanning 2006/07 to 2013/14. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

This response is for core Defra only.

The information on the number of contractors working for core Defra prior to April 2011 is retained in such a way that it is not accessible without incurring costs which would exceed the appropriate limit, which, for central government has been set at £600. Therefore, it is exempt from disclosure under section 12 of the FOIA (cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit). In cases where we apply section 12 of the FOIA, we usually suggest to the requesters ways in which they can narrow down the requests so that they fall within the cost limit. In this case, however, given the circumstances, it is not possible for us to be able to suggest ways in which this request can be narrowed down. However, if you can suggest ways to narrow down your request so that it falls within the cost limit, please let us know and we will be happy to consider the issue further.

Since the beginning of 2011/12 there have been no contractors in core Defra who have cost the Department over £1000 per day.

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

Yours sincerely



Simon Hewitt

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Annex A **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to David Waller, Head of Public Request fro Information Advice Service Team at Area G07, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square London, SW1P 3JR, (email: requestforinformation@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have 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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