

Freedom of Information request

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Information request

1- In the last 2 years have you purchased any it technical training for the ICT /IT department from QA training covering IT Technical Courses such as Microsoft, VMware, Oracle, Citrix and Cisco?

2- What is the exact job title of the manger or team leader in ICT/IT department who has made the purchase?

3- Has the ICT/IT technical department pre-paid for this training? please state amounts.

4- Have they, in the last 3 years, purchased a skills licence it training package from QA training? Please state the amount purchased and the amounts remaining?

5 - Has the buying IT manger secured 3 quotes for the purchase of the skills licence? If so which were the other companies who submitted the exact same skills licence prices?

6- When will the next skills licence be purchased by the ICT/IT department?

7- Who will purchase the next ICT technical training skills licence?

8- Please provide an ICT department organisation chart.

9- How many people are there in the ICT department?

10- Does the ICT / IT technical department purchase IT technical training for products such Microsoft, Cisco, VMware, Oracle and Citrix in February and March to utilise remaining budget for the financial year if so how do you justify the purchase?

11- How much do you spend on training for the past three financial years? Also please list the top three suppliers that you use for training?

12- At what points during the year does the department make decisions to purchase training throughout the year? How much of the training budget remains for this financial year (ending 31st March 2015)?

13- Who is responsible for purchasing department's training (i.e. which departments and who are the decision makers)?

Response

The Social Security Advisory Committee's information and communications technology is provided by the Department for Work and Pensions (our sponsor Department). The Committee does not have an ICT Department, nor have any dealings with suppliers of ICT services.

Similarly, the Committee does not procure its own training, but has access to those put in place by Civil Service Learning and the Department for Work and Pensions.

I understand that you have sent a similar request to the Department for Work and Pensions, and that they will respond shortly.