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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI 1185-15**

I am writing in response to your email of 10 December 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You specifically asked:

Please could you provide me with the following information about your current contracts with third party suppliers:

1. If another organisation routinely manages procurement and contracts on behalf of your organisation, please could you provide me with its name:
2. If your organisation routinely manages procurement and contracts on behalf of another organisation(s), please could you provide me with their names:
3. If your organisation handles its own procurement and contracts, please could you provide me with a list of all of your current contracts for ICT services, with the following information for each one:

<b>Contract name/short description</b>	
<b>Supplier</b>	
<b>Start date (or last renewal date, if applicable)</b>	
<b>End date</b>	
<b>Estimated contract value (ie for services provided between start and end date)</b>	
<b>If this contract was called off a central framework agreement (e.g. from the Crown Commercial Service, G-Cloud, etc) please say which one:</b>	

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information, which you requested. I can confirm that Wilton Park does hold information relevant to your request.

Questions (1) and (2) above. No other organisation is involved in managing procurement and contracts on our behalf.

Question (3) - Details of current contracts for ICT services are provided in Annex A of this response.

With regards to start and end dates of contracts, we have withheld exact dates under section 31(1) (a) (law enforcement). The exemption in Section 31 (1) (a) is designed to cover all aspects of the prevention and detection of crime. Section 31 is a qualified exemption, which means that it is subject to a public interest test. We acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency and we recognise that releasing this information would provide the public with assurance that we are protecting our IT infrastructure.

However, disclosure of the contract changes times could lead to potential periods of increased vulnerability to IT attack and could aid a criminal who was intent on launching an attack on the Department's ICT systems and could expose Wilton Park to potential threats of a criminal nature such as targeted e-crime.

We have therefore concluded that the exemption applies and that non-disclosure serves the public interest better than release in this instance. For these reasons, we consider that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

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Yours sincerely

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