

Freedom of Information Request

FOI/AH/15/61

OISC AND IT CONTRACTS

9 December 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, 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:

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

I appreciate that not all of this information may not be readily available, so I would be happy to accept partial information about each contract, if needed to stay within the allowable budget for FOI requests.

With many thanks in advance,

RESPONSE

21 December 2015

Dear,

I write further to your e-mail of 9 December 2014 in which you requested information regarding the Commissioner's current contracts with third party suppliers.

I am the Commissioner's Information Officer and it is my responsibility to reply to enquiries such as yours. I have attached the information which can be disclosed. Some of the information you have requested is exempt under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) and is therefore withheld. I can confirm in terms of section 1(1) of the FOI Act that the OISC does hold the information you have requested. However, I am withholding this information under s43(2) of the FOI Act as its release would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the third party and, in turn, the OISC. As section 43 is a qualified exemption, I am required by section 2(2) of the FOI Act to assess whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Having considered whether it is in the public interest to disclose, I maintain my position to refuse disclosure. I do so, on the basis, that to release this information, would weaken the bargaining position of the OISC vis-a-vis suppliers during contractual negotiation in order to ensure that public money is spent effectively.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request. Please quote the above reference number in any request for an internal review.

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. Details on how to do this are on his website at <http://ico.org.uk/>

Kind Regards

For and on behalf of the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner



Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, 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:

N/A

2. If your organisation routinely manages procurement and contracts on behalf of another organisation(s), please could you provide me with their names:

N/A

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:

Contract name/short description	Fixed Telephony
Supplier	Level 3
Start date (or last renewal date, if applicable)	1 January 2012
End date	31 December 2015
Estimated contract value (i.e. for services provided between start and end date)	Exempt under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI)
If this contract was called off a central framework agreement (e.g. from the Crown Commercial Service, G-Cloud, etc) please say which one:	Crown Commercial Service: Managed Telephony Convergence Framework (MTCF) RM827/A

Contract name/short description	Managed Firewall, Internet Security and Monitoring
Supplier	Ultima Business Solutions
Start date (or last renewal date, if applicable)	Feb 15
End date	Feb 16
Estimated contract value (i.e. for services provided between start and end date)	Exempt under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI)
If this contract was called off a central framework agreement (e.g. from the Crown Commercial Service, G-Cloud, etc) please say which one:	

Contract name/short description	Leased Line
Supplier	Virgin Media Business
Start date (or last renewal date, if applicable)	1 May 2014
End date	30 April 2017
Estimated contract value (i.e. for services provided between start and end date)	Exempt under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI)
If this contract was called off a central framework agreement (e.g. from the Crown Commercial Service, G-Cloud, etc) please say which one:	Government Procurement Service RM860

Contract name/short description	Photocopier
Supplier	Smartech UK Plc
Start date (or last renewal date, if applicable)	04/10/2013
End date	03/10/2018
Estimated contract value (i.e. for services provided between start and end date)	Exempt under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI)
If this contract was called off a central framework agreement (e.g. from the Crown Commercial Service, G-Cloud, etc) please say which one:	Crown Commercial Service