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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 1220-15**

Thank you for your email of 18 December 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*Can I please make a request under the Freedom of Information Act and I would like to request the following information with regards to the organisation's Local Area Network (LAN) environment.*

***Please can you send me the organisation's Local Area Network (LAN) contract, which may include the following:***

- ***Support and Maintenance- e.g. switches, router, software etc***
  - ***Managed***
  - ***Installation***
  - ***Cabling***
1. *Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier for each contract?*
  2. *Annual Average Spend for Supplier: What is the annual average spending on the supplier above? If there is more than one supplier please split the annual averages spend for each supplier.*
  3. *Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users each contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.*
  4. *Number of Sites: The number of sites where equipment is supported by these contract.*
  5. *Contract Type: For each contract is the contract Managed, Maintenance, Installation, Software*
  6. *Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?*
  7. *Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.*
  8. *Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include for each contract.*
  9. *Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire for each contract?*
  10. *Contract Review Date: When will the organisation is planning to review the contract?*

11. *Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for each of these contract(s) please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?*

*If the LAN maintenance is included in-house or managed please include the following information:*

1. *Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?*
2. *Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.*
3. *Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.*
4. *Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for LAN please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?*

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

The LAN Maintenance for FCO Services is managed in house, I am therefore responding to that element of the request

Management: The LAN maintenance is managed in house  
Hardware Brand: The hardware brand is CISCO  
Number of Users: There are approx 500 users  
Number of Sites: There are 3 sites  
Responsible officer: This information is withheld under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

**Section 40** of the Freedom of Information Act relates to personal information. The information you have requested is personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply

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Yours sincerely,

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