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Dear,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0492-15

Thank you for your email of 25th May asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

1. Network Provider(s) – Please provide me with the network provider name
2. Annual Average Spend – Can you please provide me with the average annual spend over the 3 years. If this is a new contract can you please provide the estimated annual spend
3. Number of Users – Number of connections for each network provider
4. Duration of the contract – please state if the contract also include contract extensions for each provider
5. Contract Start Date – please can you provide me with the start date of the signed agreement. Please do not provide me with the framework contract date I require the contract dates of the signed agreement.
6. Contract Expiry Date – please can you provide me with the expiry date of the signed agreement. Please do not provide me with the framework contract date I require the contract dates of the signed agreement. If the contract is rolling please state.
7. Contract Review Date – please can you provide me with a date on when the organisation plans to review this contract.
8. The person within the organisation responsible for this particular contract. Can you please send me the full contact details Contract Name, Job Title, Contact Number and direct e-mail address for each network provider? If full contact details cannot be provided please send me the actual job title.
9. If the supply of mobile phones is provided by an external organisation please state the name of the organisation, the number of users (Connections of your organisation only) and the name of the network provider.
10. Please can you provide me with the latest information. If the organisation's is currently out to tender please can you also state the approx. date of award along with the information above.
11. Also if contract in the response has expired/rolling please can you provide me with further information if available of the organisation's plans going forward with regards to mobiles and current status?
12. If this contract was awarded within the past three months can you please provide me with a shortlist of suppliers that bid on the contract?

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Please note we have interpreted your request to be for information we hold on mobile phones purchased through central FCO funds; which does not include any purchases made by our posts overseas using devolved budgets or contracts with local mobile telephone providers. The FCO has a network of over 260 posts overseas and records of such purchases are not held centrally.

Below are the details of mobile phones currently held by the FCO in the UK. These have been procured under the Mobile Solutions II Framework. The figures quoted are for the total costs for these contracts; in some instances it is not possible to split costs from the quoted figures as they are part of a fully costed managed service.

Some of the withheld information is personal data relating to third parties. It is our view that disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40(2) and (3) of the FOIA therefore apply. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which we think would be breached by disclosure in this case. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. We do not therefore have to apply the public interest test.

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Yours sincerely,

Open Government Liaison Officer
Corporate Procurement Group



1	Network Provider(s) – Please provide me with the network provider name	The network provided is Vodafone
2	Annual Average Spend – Can you please provide me with the average annual spend over the 3 years. If this is a new contract can you please provide the estimated annual spend	The average spend for 2013, 2014 and 2015 (part forecasted based on spend) is £519k per year.
3	Number of Users – Number of connections for each network provider	Approx 1980 connections on our UK accounts with Vodafone.
4	Duration of the contract – please state if the contract also include contract extensions for each provider	Contract duration is two years plus one plus one basis (2+1+1).
5	Contract Start Date – please can you provide me with the start date of the signed agreement. Please do not provide me with the framework contract date I require the contract dates of the signed agreement	Contract began in Q4 2009, on a two years plus one plus one basis (2+1+1). This was extended in Q4 2011 and has expired in Q1 2015.
6	Contract Expiry Date – please can you provide me with the expiry date of the signed agreement. Please do not provide me with the framework contract date I require the contract dates of the signed agreement. If the contract is rolling please state.	The Contract expired in Q1 2015.
7	Contract Review Date – please can you provide me with a date on when the organisation plans to review this contract	We are currently working closely with the relevant team in Crown Commercial Service to ensure delivery of our requirements post Q1 2015. A month-to-month roll over contract is in place.
8	The person within the organisation responsible for this particular contract. Can you please send me the full contact details Contract Name, Job Title, Contact Number and direct e-mail address for each network provider? If full contact details cannot be provided please send me the actual job title.	Withheld under Section 40 (2) and (3) of the FOIA Job title – Contract Manager
9	If the supply of mobile phones is provided by an external organisation please state the name of the organisation, the number of users (Connections of your organisation only) and the name of the network provider.	The mobile phones are sourced from Vodafone. There are approximately 1980 connections in the UK,
10	Please can you provide me with the latest information. If the organisation's is currently out to tender please can you also state the approx. date of award along with the information above	Please refer to the answer to question 7
11	Also if contract in the response has expired/rolling please can you provide me with further information if available of the organisation's plans going forward with regards to mobiles and current status?	Please refer to the answer to question 7
12	If this contract was awarded within the past three months can you please provide me with a shortlist of suppliers that bid on the contract?	Please refer to the answer to question 7