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Information request

“Please accept this email as my request for an internal review of your decision.” As you know, this related to the decision on your original request, which was *“Could you please provide a copy of the report referred to in this article?<http://www.computerweekly.com/news/2240208342/DWP-refused-to-release-Universal-Credit-IT-review-to-MPs>”*

DWP response

The decision you received stated that the information you requested was being withheld, because it fell within the exemption under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. This was on the basis that disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Department, and of the relevant suppliers who took part in the review.

The decision letter outlined the public interest for and against disclosure, and concluded that, in this instance, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

As you requested, this decision has been reviewed. The review has concluded that the original decision was comprehensive, reasonable and balanced, and should therefore stand.