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Estimates of the cost of using private IT firms to complete the UC IT system without government digital involvement

All risk assessments carried out in the previous 6 months on the UC project.

DWP response

To answer each of your points in turn:

There are currently no plans to contract with third party suppliers to complete the end state IT solution for the Universal Credit Programme. The Department is developing its own in-house capability to deliver this work, which will be supported as required with the use of short-term contractors. We have recently provide a response to a PQ (182363), which provides information on the numbers we expect to bring into the Department.

Assessment of risk is carried out as part of the fabric of the UC programme and throughout all areas of the development. Because of this it is not possible to identify the number of Risk Assessments that have taken place. The programme holds a Risk Register where identified risks are held, rated for impact and probability and actively managed/mitigated.