

Freedom of Information Request

FOI/CC/15/10

OISC SOFTWARE LICENCES

9 April 2015

Dear Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner,

I would like to ask

- Q1. Do you look after your own IT or is it outsourced?
- Q2. How much did you pay in last financial year for software licenses?
- Q3. How many computers users do you have?
- Q4. When do you need to renew the contract with Microsoft for software licenses? What was the value of your last contract?
- Q5. Do you currently measure software usage versus the number of licenses purchased? If so what is used for software usage metering?
- Q6. Do you use a software asset management tool?
- Q7. Please also provide details of IT Contracts Managers and any person(s) involved in IT Software procurement.

Yours faithfully,

RESPONSE

22 April 2015

Dear,

I write further to your e-mail of 9 April 2015 in which you requested information regarding software licences.

I am the Commissioner's Information Officer and it is my responsibility to reply to enquiries such as yours. I have included below the information which can be disclosed. Information you have requested at question four is exempt under section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act (FoIA) and is therefore withheld. This exemption is explained further below:

- 1. Do you look after your own IT or is it outsourced?

The OISC maintains its own IT.

- 2. How much did you pay in last financial year for software licenses?

The total software budget for the financial year ending 31 March 2015 was £28,000.

3. How many computers users do you have?

The OISC currently has 61 computer users.

4. When do you need to renew the contract with Microsoft for software licenses? What was the value of your last contract?

This information is exempt under section 43 (commercial interests) of the Freedom of Information Act. It is accepted that there is a public interest in public bodies being transparent and accountable as to their use of public funds. Also, there is a need to demonstrate that public money is being used effectively and that public bodies are getting value for money when purchasing goods and services. There is, however, a public interest in withholding the requested information as disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the OISC by adversely affecting its bargaining position during contractual negotiations which would result in less effective use of public money. Having considered the public interest factors, I have decided to withhold the information.

5. Do you currently measure software usage versus the number of licenses purchased? If so what is used for software usage metering?

The OISC does undertake measuring, this is done on a manual basis due to the size of the organisation.

6. Do you use a software asset management tool?

The OISC does not use a software management tool.

7. Please also provide details of IT Contracts Managers and any person(s) involved in IT Software procurement.

The Head of IT and IT Systems Manager can be contacted via 'info@oisc.gov.uk.'

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/>.

Regards

For and on behalf of the Immigration Commissioner

