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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0082-18**

Thank you for your email of 25 January 2018 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*Please can I request some information regarding your energy supply contracts under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please would you provide me with the following information:*

1. *Who, in your organisation, is responsible for deciding how your energy is bought? Please provide the full name, title, email address and telephone number.*
2. *For each of these commodities – electricity, gas and water – please can you answer the following questions:*
  - a. *What is your current contract term – start date (DD/MM/YYYY) to end date (DD/MM/YYYY)?*
  - b. *Do you have any options to extend? If so, what are they?*
  - c. *What is your termination notice period?*
  - d. *Who is your supplier?*
  - e. *How many meters do you have?*
  - f. *What is your annual spend?*
  - g. *What is your consumption?*
  - h. *Do you currently procure your energy through a framework/PBO (Public Buying Organisation)? If so, which one?*
  - i. *Do you use a consultancy to facilitate your energy procurement? If so, who?*
  - j. *Are you happy with your supplier?*
  - k. *Are you happy with your PBO?*
  - l. *Are you happy with your consultancy?*
  - m. *What do you think makes a good Supplier?*
  - n. *What do you think makes a good PBO?*

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.

In response to your questions:

- a. What is your current contract term – start date (DD/MM/YYYY) to end date (DD/MM/YYYY)?
- b. Do you have any options to extend? If so, what are they?
- c. What is your termination notice period?
- d. Who is your supplier?
- e. How many meters do you have?
- f. What is your annual spend?
- g. What is your consumption?
- h. Do you currently procure your energy through a framework/PBO (Public Buying Organisation)? If so, which one?

We have put the information into a table format attached.

Electricity contracts are purchased through Crown Commercial Services (CCS) framework agreements: Electricity Supply and Ancillary Services RM1075. Details are available on the CCS website: <https://ccs-agreements.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/>

In response to question:

- i. Do you use a consultancy to facilitate your energy procurement? If so, who?

We don't use consultancy services.

In relation to:

- j. Are you happy with your supplier?
- k. Are you happy with your PBO?
- l. Are you happy with your consultancy?
- m. What do you think makes a good Supplier?
- n. What do you think makes a good PBO?

For FCO electricity contracts supplier evaluation is undertaken by CCS when establishing the energy framework.

The FCO is currently reviewing gas suppliers with a view to transferring to CCS framework agreements. It would be inappropriate for the FCO to comment on commercially sensitive agreements currently in place.

Yours sincerely,

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