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Dear ████,

Thank you for your email of 08 June 2018 requesting the following information:

1.) What financial accounting software do you use?
2.) Who supplies your financial accounting software (name of vendor or supplier)?
3.) What was the original date of purchase or contact start date for your accounting software?
4.) When is the contact renewal or expiry date for your accounting software?
5.) If relevant, what is the cost of annual support and maintenance (last financial year April 2016- March 2017) for your accounting software?
6.) Is Your IT in-house or outsourced, if outsourced, who is it outsourced to, and when is this contract up for renewal?
7.) Could you confirm if your organisation has any applications (computer systems) running on the Fujitsu (formerly ICL) VME operating system?
8.) If so, please list the names of these applications and their main role within your organisation?

9.) Please also confirm if you have applications;

   a) Operating on any other legacy platform such as OpenVME, IBM iSeries or written in legacy code such as Powerbuilder, COBOL etc. ?
   b) Any operating system considered expensive or (technically) challenging to enabling digital transformation?
   c) That are critical to the business but are at risk due to the scarcity of ageing support personnel or limited documentation?

10.) Please confirm if these applications have been developed in-house i.e. they are bespoke to your organisation and that you own the source code.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the UKHO, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held and can be found below at Annex A.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made

within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, http://www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

UKHO Secretariat

Annex A

Q1. What financial accounting software do you use?

SAP

Q2. Who supplies your financial accounting software (name of vendor or supplier)?

SAP UK Ltd

Q3. What was the original date of purchase or cont(r)act start date for your accounting software?

The software was originally purchased in 2000.

Q4. When is the contract renewal or expiry date for your accounting software?

Not applicable.

Q5. If relevant, what is the cost of annual support and maintenance (last financial year April 2016-March 2017) for your accounting software?

Approximately £110k.

Q6. Is your IT in-house or outsourced, if outsourced, who is it outsourced to, and when is this contract up for renewal?

In-house.

Q7. Could you confirm if your organisation has any applications (computer systems) running on the Fujitsu (formerly ICL) VME operating system?

No.

Q8. If so, please list the names of these applications and their main role within your organisation?

Not applicable.

Q9. Please also confirm if you have applications;

a) Operating on any other legacy platform such as OpenVME, IBM iSeries or written in legacy code such as Powerbuilder, COBOL etc?

No.

b) Any operating system considered expensive or (technically) challenging to enable digital transformation?

Yes.

c) That are critical to the business but are at risk due to the scarcity of ageing support personnel or limited documentation?

Yes.

Q10. Please confirm if these applications have been developed in-house i.e. they are bespoke to your organisation and you own the source code.

Yes – developed in-house but source code is not owned on all applications.