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By email only to:

11 June 2018

Dear

***Our reference:***

Thank you for your e-mail to the Civil Service Commission and the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments (ACOPA) received 8 June 2018. The two independent offices are supported by one secretariat, so I have answered both of your requests together. You requested the following information:

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information concerning the types of accounting software and applications that may be in use by your organisation.*

*If it is not possible to provide the information requested, please provide advice and assistance, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.*

- 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 dealing with this request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that we do not hold any information in relation to your request. It may be helpful if I explain that the Civil Service Commission is an executive non-departmental public body and ACOBA is an advisory non-departmental public body both sponsored by the Cabinet Office. Both independent offices are provided with financial services from the Cabinet Office and in addition are provided with Cabinet Office IT systems which Cabinet Office maintain. I would therefore recommend you re-direct your request to them. For ease I have noted the Cabinet Office FOI contact details below:

**FOI Team**

Cabinet Office  
Room 405  
70 Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2AS

Email: [foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

Peter Lawrence  
Chief Executive  
Civil Service Commission  
Room G/08  
1 Horse Guards Road  
London  
SW1A 2HQ

Email: [chief.executive@csc.gov.uk](mailto:chief.executive@csc.gov.uk)

You should note that the Civil Service Commission will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure

provided by the Civil Service Commission. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

**John Whelton**  
Commission Secretariat

